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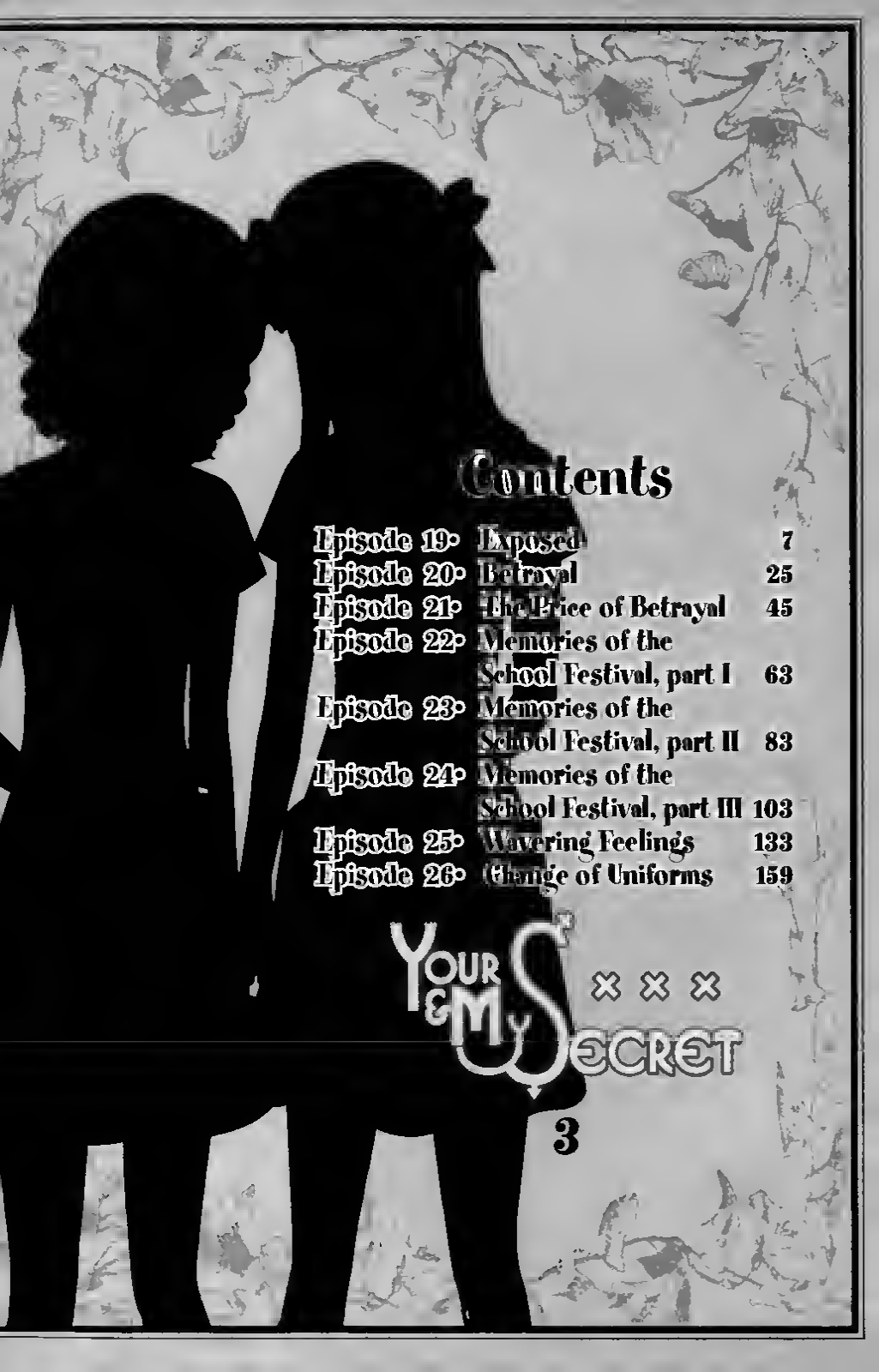

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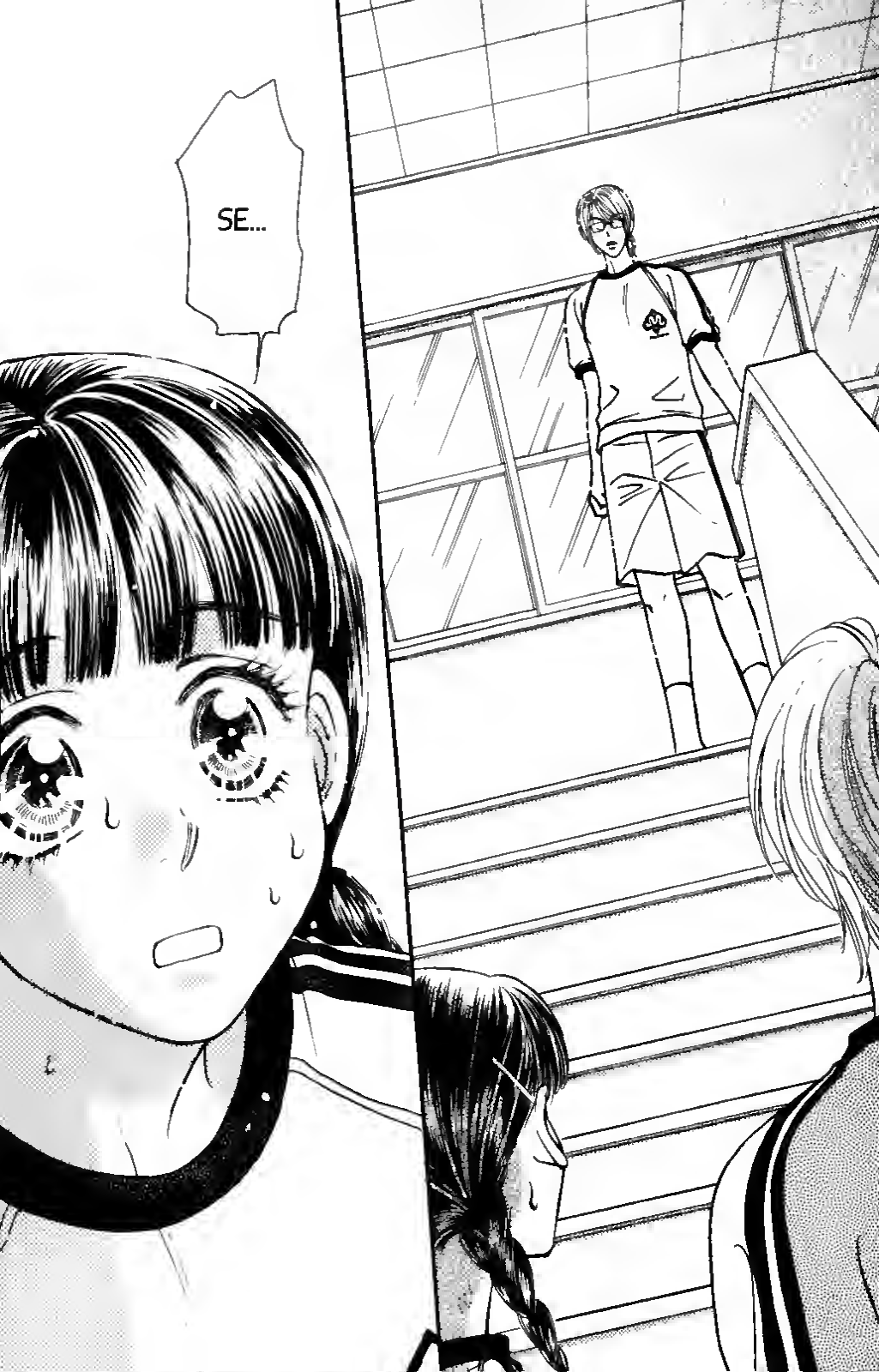
Story so far...

It's not that Akira Uehara is ugly. Girls don't acknowledge him because his personality is about as interesting as a dishrag. He's got a private crush on his tomboyish classmate, Nanako Momoi, who is undeniably attractive but whom others avoid like the plague, thanks to her sometimes violent and usually cantankerous disposition.

Nanako lives with her wacky scientist grandfather, and when his newest invention goes haywire, it causes a body swap for the two ill-matched teenagers. Unfortunately, Grandpa's machine is now broken, so Akira and Nanako must learn to live in each other's bodies for the time being. Akira, in Nanako's body, has taken a job to pay for Nanako's grandfather to fix the machine. But between trips to Hawaii and time spent with his new mail-order hula hoop, Grandpa doesn't seem to be spending a lot of time in the lab.

Meanwhile, Akira's best friend, Senbongi, has taken a liking to the now tamer Nanako (really Akira), and Shiina, Nanako's best friend, has a thing for the suddenly more virile Akira (Nanako). Gender confusion abounds!

Episode 19
Exposed


SE...

SENBONGI!
DOES HE KNOW?!
UH...
UMMM...
IT'S NOT WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE, SENBONGI.

HEH.
THERE'S A REALLY GOOD EXPLANATION FOR THIS.
.....
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING HERE?
ALL ALONE, AWAY FROM EVERYONE ELSE, ISOLATED...
HUH?
S...
SENBONGI?
WE WERE JUST TALKING..
TALKING?
ABOUT WHAT?
WAS IT SOMETHING YOU DIDN'T WANT ME TO HEAR?
HE...

AKIRA, ISN'T IT ABOUT STARTING TIME FOR YOUR MATCH?
OOPS!
HE WAS TEACHING ME HOW TO EXECUTE THE SKILLS FROM THAT MANGA!
Y-YEAH.
...DOESN'T KNOW!
PRINCE OF TENNIS!
SEE? I TOLD YOU IT WOULD BE FINE.
whisper
UH-HUH.
phew
I'D BET-TER RUN
IF YOUR HEAD'S FEELING BETTER, SENBONGI, DROP BY AND SEE ME KICK SOME ASS
GOOD LUCK!

I WONDER HOW SENBONGI WOULD HAVE HANDLED IT.
WHAT IF OUR SECRET HAD BEEN EXPOSED?
OH.
ARE YOU OKAY?
THANK GOD...
SURE.
I THINK I'D BETTER GO BACK TO THE GYM.
チラ
THAT'S SOMETHING I KIND OF WANTED TO SEE.

SENBONGI-KUN!
WHAT?
IT WAS ONLY JUST THE OTHER DAY THAT HE ASSAULTED ME!
N-NO! MUSN'T GET TOO CLOSE!
I should keep my distance.
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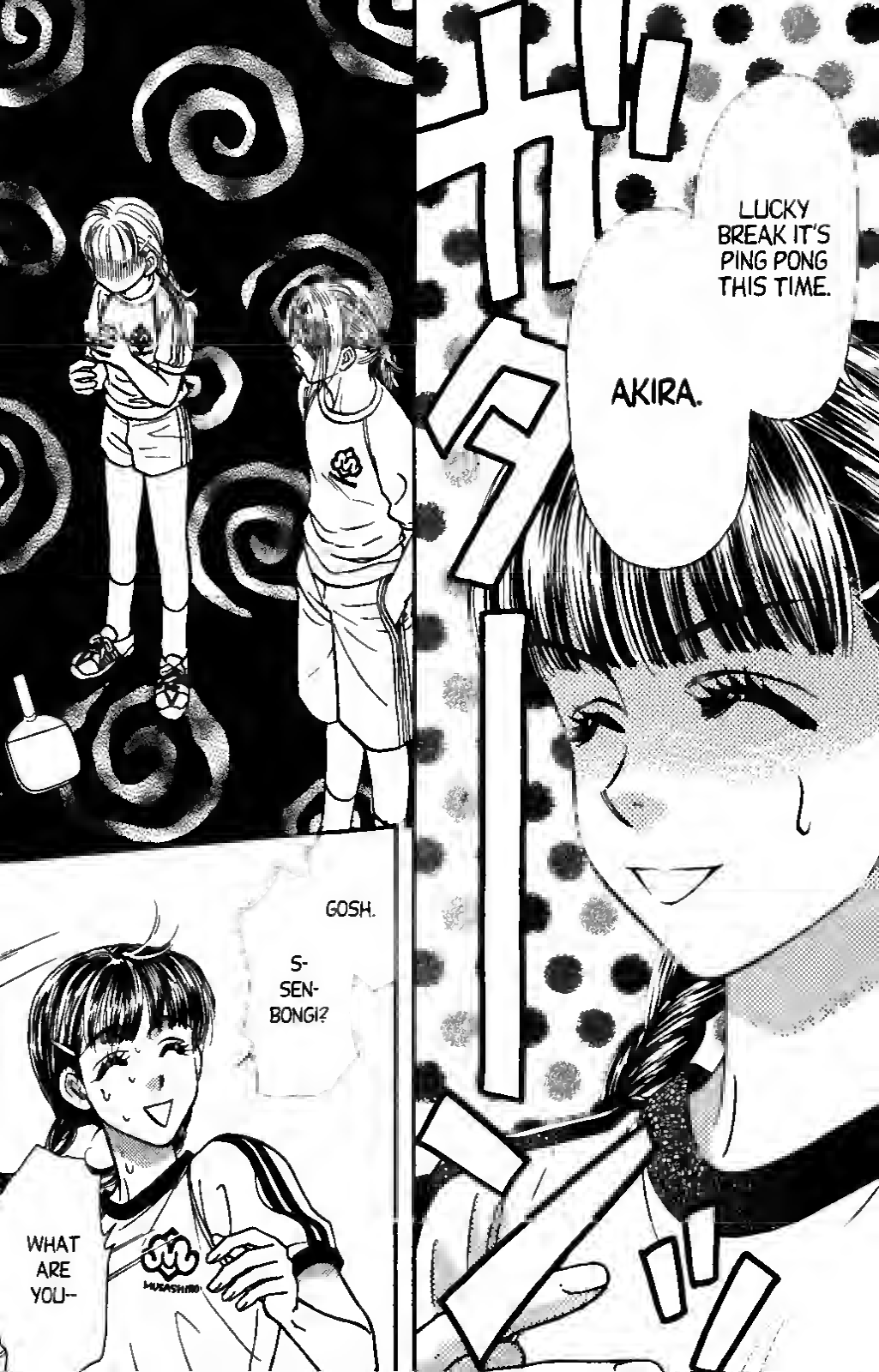
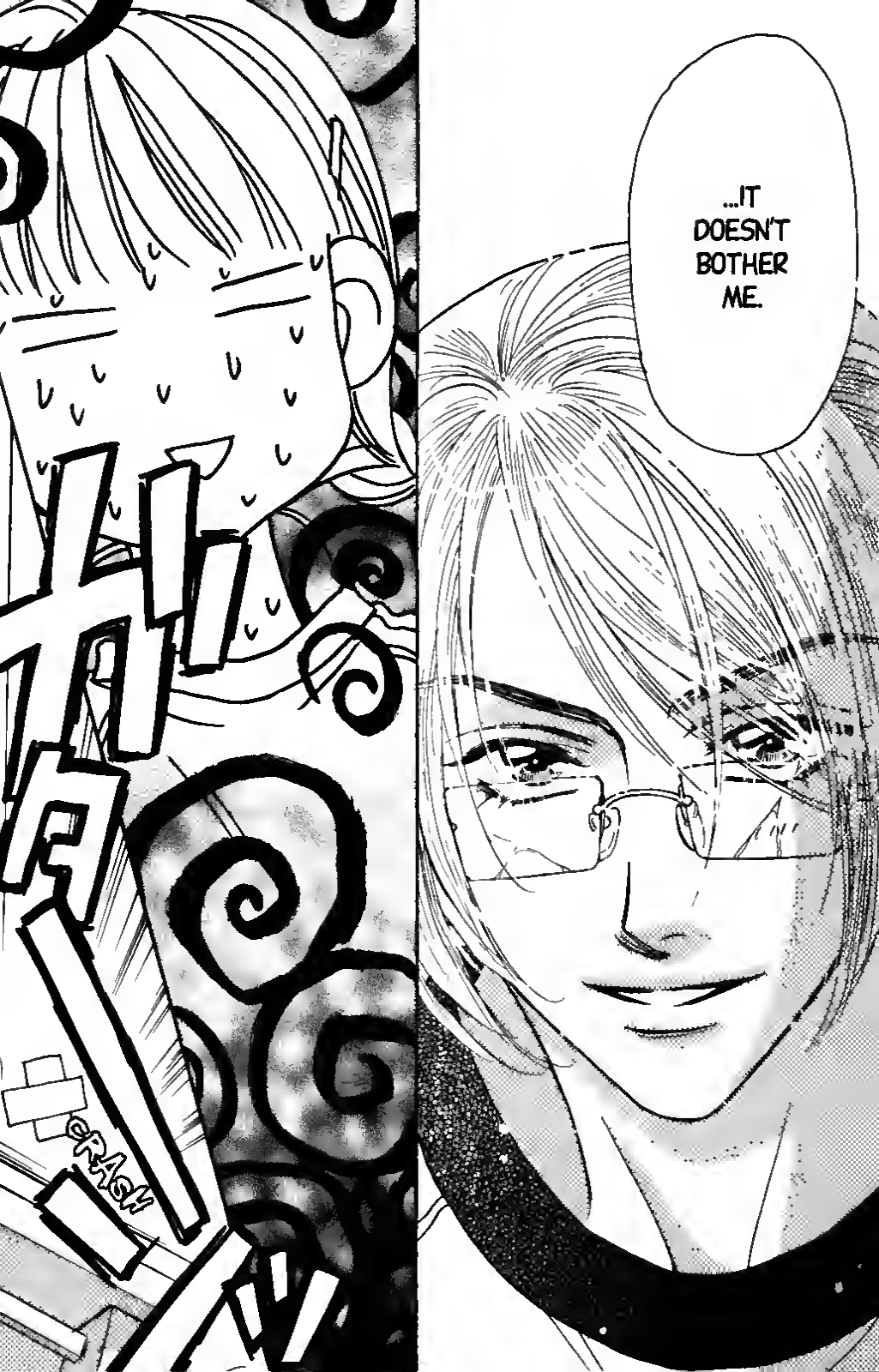
Here, I grabbed a clean racket.
NANAKO-CHAN, YOUR TURN IS COMING UP SOON, SO YOU'D BETTER GET PREPARED.
THANK YOU.
GOOD LUCK! I'M GOING TO GO CHEER ON UEHARA-KUN
SEE YOU AT THE FINISH LINE!
UH-HUH. HIS MATCH JUST STARTED.
GOOD. HAVE YOU SEEN AKIRA?
HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
What a relief!

AREN'T YOU GOING, TOO?
SHIINA-SAN SHOULD BE ENOUGH.
I'LL CHEER FOR YOU INSTEAD, MOMOI.
GOOD LUCK!
TH-THANKS
I'LL BE FINE. I'M GOOD AT PING PONG.
NOT LIKE BASKETBALL! YOU GOT THE CRAP BEAT OUT OF YOU LAST YEAR.
Ha ha!
I KNOW! WE HAD ONLY JUST STARTED HIGH SCHOOL, AND..
...THEY FORCED ME TO PLAY BASKETBALL BECAUSE I WAS SO TALL..


LUCKY BREAK IT'S PING PONG THIS TIME.
AKIRA.
GOSH.
S-SEN-BONGI?
WHAT ARE YOU--
MURASHIRO

WHY WOULD AKIRA SUDDENLY STOP CHASING MOMOI IN ORDER TO DATE SHIINA?
I THOUGHT IT WAS STRANGE.
. . . . . .
WELL...
...I DON'T KNOW HOW THIS HAPPENED TO YOU, BUT...
Your racket
MACHO IS FAR MORE OF A MOMOI TRAIT, ISN'T IT?
PLUS, WHY WOULD GETTING A GIRLFRIEND MAKE AKIRA START ACTING SO MACHO?


...IT DOESN'T BOTHER ME.
HUH?!
CRASH

DAMN, MISSED MY LANDING!
Prince of Tennis, tied to me
UEHARA!!
YOU'RE DISQUAL-IFIED!
THAT'S NOT FAIR!
YOU'RE OUTTA HERE!
You're not the ref
The ref
SHUCKS, IT WAS JUST GETTING FUN, TOO.
Lame!
Don't go near him!
Uehara-kun are you okay?
Ouch!
M-MOMOI-SAN!
PLEASE HELP!
OH!
SENBONGI!
HOW'S YOUR HEAD FEELING?
MUSASHINO

FINE, AKIRA. SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR GAME.
?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH HER?
NOTHING.
RIGHT, MOMO!?
AKIRA, YOU HAVE BLOOD ON YOUR CLOTHES.
REALLY? I MUST HAVE CUT MYSELF.
YOU SHOULD GO CLEAN UP.
SE...
Gasp
Jeez, what a pain!

DOES MOMOI KNOW THAT YOU LIKE HER?
WHAT...?!
HEY, AKIRA!
Gulp
Gasp
SENBONGI-KUN?
YOU'RE RIGHT. MOMOI IS A GIRL, AFTER ALL.
I'M SURE IT'D BE MORTIFYING HAVING A GUY WHO LIKES HER TRAPPED INSIDE HER BODY.
IF MOMOI-SAN FINDS OUT SOMETHING LIKE THAT--
NO.
NO WAY I CAN TELL HER...
IF SHE FINDS OUT, IMAGINE WHAT SHE'LL DO TO YOU.
SE...

SENBONGI!!
Harass you like the runt of the playground...
KNOWING HER, SHE'D PROBABLY COME TO SCHOOL OR WALK AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD COMPLETELY NAKED EXCEPT FOR MAYBE A PAIR OF SOCKS.
DON'T WORRY. I'M NOT GOING TO TELL.
IT'S OUR LITTLE SECRET! ♡
SO LET'S NOT TELL HER ABOUT THIS.
IT'S EASIER WITHOUT HER KNOWING THE TRUTH.
Your set is starting! Hurry!
There you are, Momoi-san!

DAZE
SENBONGI, YOU'RE EVIL--!
NANAKO-CHAN? YOU'RE ACTING STRANGE TODAY. DID SOME-THING HAPPEN?
BIGGEST LOSER
.....
N-NOTH-ING HAP-PENED !!
DID MY BROTHER DO SOME-THING AGAIN?

SHIINA-SAN..
You may feel better just talking about it.
YOU NEVER KNOW, I MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP.
REALLY?
IF YOU'RE HAVING PROBLEMS, YOU DON'T HAVE TO DEAL WITH THEM ALONE.
SHIINA-SAN'S THE ONLY NORMAL PERSON IN THIS LOONY BIN!
Touched
Tears
Nanako chan?
THANK YOU.
YOU'RE NOT FEELING WELL. LET ME ESCORT YOU HOME.
WHAT IS IT?
.....
YO!
MOMO!!

I'M FINE BY MYSELF, THANKS!
THAT WOULD BE GREAT. NANAKO-CHAN, HAVE HIM TAKE YOU HOME.
Whisper
I'LL TELL MOMOI EVERYTHING.
FATHER, MOTHER...
WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO ME?
?
WHAT?
OH, OKAY.
I'll carry your bag
ON SECOND THOUGHT, SURE. SEE YOU TOMORROW, SHIINA...!
SO LONG.
Bye. then

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FATHER,
MOTHER..
WHAT'S GOING
TO HAPPEN
TO ME?
.....

Episode 20
Betrayal

JUST WHAT YOU'D EXPECT FROM A RELATIVE OF MOMOI'S.
A weirdo's father is naturally a weirdo.
I SEE...
SO IT WAS ALL THE DOING OF MOMOI'S GRANDDAD?
NO, THEY DON'T. MY PARENTS AND MY SISTER ARE ACTUALLY HAPPY I'VE GOTTEN SO MANLY!!
DO YOUR PARENTS KNOW?
TELL ME SOMETHING I DON'T KNOW! GAWD!
BUT REALLY, AKIRA, YOU'RE SUCH A KLUTZ.
NO WONDER...
Sob
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO SEEMS BOTHERED BY THIS CATASTROPHE.
NEITHER MOMOI-SAN NOR HER GRAND-FATHER COULD CARE LESS.

WELL, YOU HAD TO HANDLE A ROUGH TIME ALL ALONE, AKIRA.
SENBONGI...
OOPS, SORRY, WE'RE HERE.
SO, WHAT'S IT LIKE BEING IN A GIRL'S BODY?
Is it totally cool?
Don't be shy!
THOSE DAYS ARE OVER. YOU'VE GOT ME NOW! ♡

GOOD THING GRAND-FATHER WASN'T HERE.
YOU'RE AS ORGANIZED AS I'D EXPECT.
HMMM...
I'LL BE FINE ON MY OWN.
I'LL SEE YOU UP TO YOUR ROOM.
I'LL TELL MOMO!
WHAT ARE YOU EMBARRASSED ABOUT? WE'RE BOTH GUYS.
YOUR COMPLEXION IS ALL PALE. WHY DON'T YOU CHANGE YOUR CLOTHES AND COME TAKE A NAP?
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SURE. ONCE I SEE YOU OUT.
SEN-BONGI...
.....

WHAT ARE YOU THINK-ING?!
EXACTLY, WE'RE BOTH GUYS.
BUT, SERIOUSLY, HOW COULD YOU?!
WE WERE EVEN BEST FRIENDS NOT THAT LONG AGO.
SEN--
I CAN'T HELP IT THAT I FELL IN LOVE WITH YOU.
WHOA!!

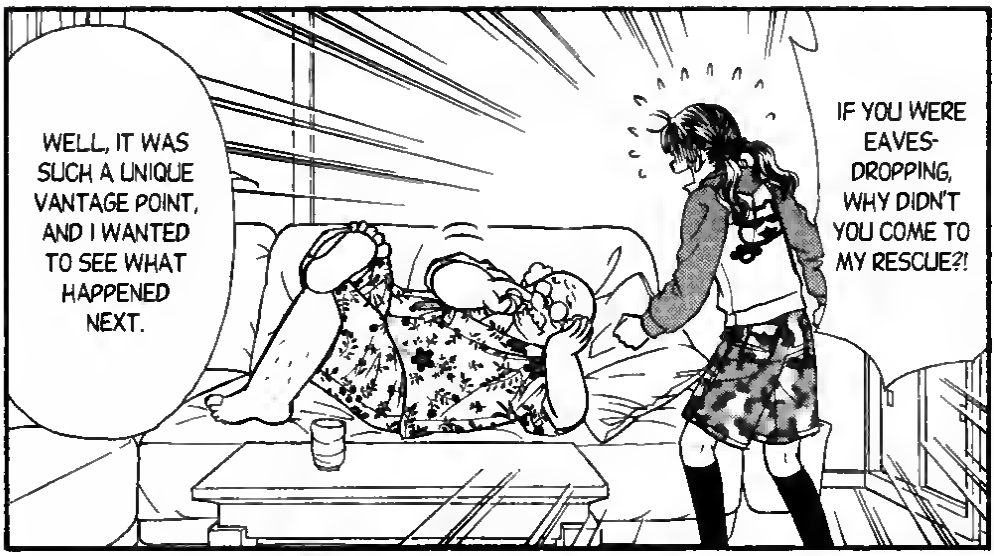
THEN JUST DON'T TURN BACK.
YOU...
THIS IS MOMOI-SAN'S BODY!
WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE TURN BACK TO NORMAL?!
THERE IS TOO A PROBLEM!
YOU'RE A GIRL NOW, SO THERE'S NO PROBLEM.
YOU'RE REALLY TO BLAME FOR BEING SO BLIND THESE PAST TEN YEARS.
HEY, C'MON...
STOP!
YOU DEVIL!
HOW COULD YOU, I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE SUCH A BASTARD!
I SAID STOP, SENBONG!!
...

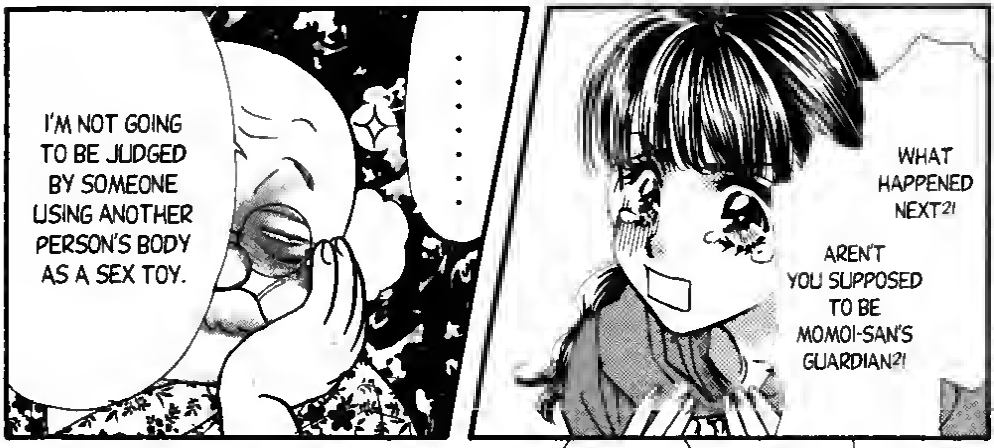
GAG!

stomp
stomp
AKIRA?

tremble
rustle

YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED, GRAND-FATHER!


WELL, IT WAS SUCH A UNIQUE VANTAGE POINT, AND I WANTED TO SEE WHAT HAPPENED NEXT.
IF YOU WERE EAVES-DROPPING, WHY DIDN'T YOU COME TO MY RESCUE?!


I'M NOT GOING TO BE JUDGED BY SOMEONE USING ANOTHER PERSON'S BODY AS A SEX TOY.
. . . . . .
WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?!
AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO BE MOMOI-SAN'S GUARDIAN?!

DOES NANAKO KNOW ABOUT ANY OF THIS?
POOF
YOU HAVE INTEREST-ING FRIENDS, UEHARA-KUN.
"NO" CAN MEAN "YES" SOMETIMES.
WAHHHH!!
SENBONGI WAS FORCING HIMSELF ON ME!!!

SWITCH US BACK!!
PLEASE, FIX THAT MACHINE ONCE AND FOR ALL!
PLEASE, I BEG YOU...
THAT'S ALL THE MONEY I SAVED WORKING AT THE RESTAURANT.
One, two, three hmm, about right
GRAND-FATHER!
WE HAVE A VISITOR.
Ding Dong
HELLO, NANAKO-CHAN.
HOW ARE YOU FEELING?

I WAS WORRIED, YOU SEEMED OUT OF SORTS EARLIER
I THOUGHT I'D CHECK UP ON YOU.
I BROUGHT ALL THE LEFT-OVER CAKE FROM WORK.
Tee-hee
COOKIN' DON'T
SHIINA ...
WHAT'S UP?
EWW...YOU DON'T LOOK SO GREAT.
Are you okay?
Sob
I SHOULD GO. YOU NEED TO GET YOUR REST.
NANAKO-CHAN?!
EAT THIS, YOU'LL FEEL BETTER.
SHIINA-SAN...

IT'S NOTHING... REALLY.
N-NO, I'M FINE.
Did you eat too much?
W-WHAT'S THE MATTER?
DOES YOUR STOMACH HURT?
REALLY?
HEY!
HOW LOVELY IT WOULD BE IF SHE STAYED.
COME ON. I'M FEELING BETTER ALREADY.
GOOD EVENING!
HANDS OFF! MINE!!
WELL! WHO'S YOUR FRIEND?
Goodies for me?
Grrr!
OH!
HEY, NANAKO, I'M HUNGRY.
Dinner

THIS IS SHIINA-SAN. WE WENT TO OKINAWA TOGETHER.
Darn, and I was just starting to feel relaxed...
OH, YES, THE GIRL WHO CALLS YOU FROM TIME TO TIME.
HI, I'M SHIINA.
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IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU, SIR.
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...?
GRAND-FATHER?
What a weirdo
Squiggle
Squiggle
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?
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IT'S MY DREAM.....
MOMOI-SAN ISN'T COMPLETELY HUMAN.
No doubt
I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE AND NANAKO ARE FROM THE SAME SPECIES.
HOW A GIRL LIKE THAT EXISTS IN THIS DAY AND AGE...
MAKOTO-CHAN WAS SO ELEGANT. ♡
Even this cake is elegant
WHAT...?
When Nanako did it, I ended up going to the otologist three months straight..
I'D DO ANYTHING TO HAVE A GRANDDAUGHTER LIKE MAKOTO-CHAN. I'D SIT ON HER LAP, SHE'D CLEAN MY EARS...
YES, MANZO WOULD DO ANYTHING! ♡
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ANY-THING? HONEST?

YES, YES. FOR HER, IT'S FIXED.
Anything
HOW ABOUT FIXING THAT MACHINE?
TH-THEN...
OH!
AKIRA, ARE YOU GOING CRAZY?
SHIINA-SAN TREATS YOU SO NICE, SHE DOESN'T DESERVE THIS.
ドクン
HOW COULD YOU SACRIFICE A DEAR FRIEND FOR YOUR OWN BENEFIT?
ドクン
.....

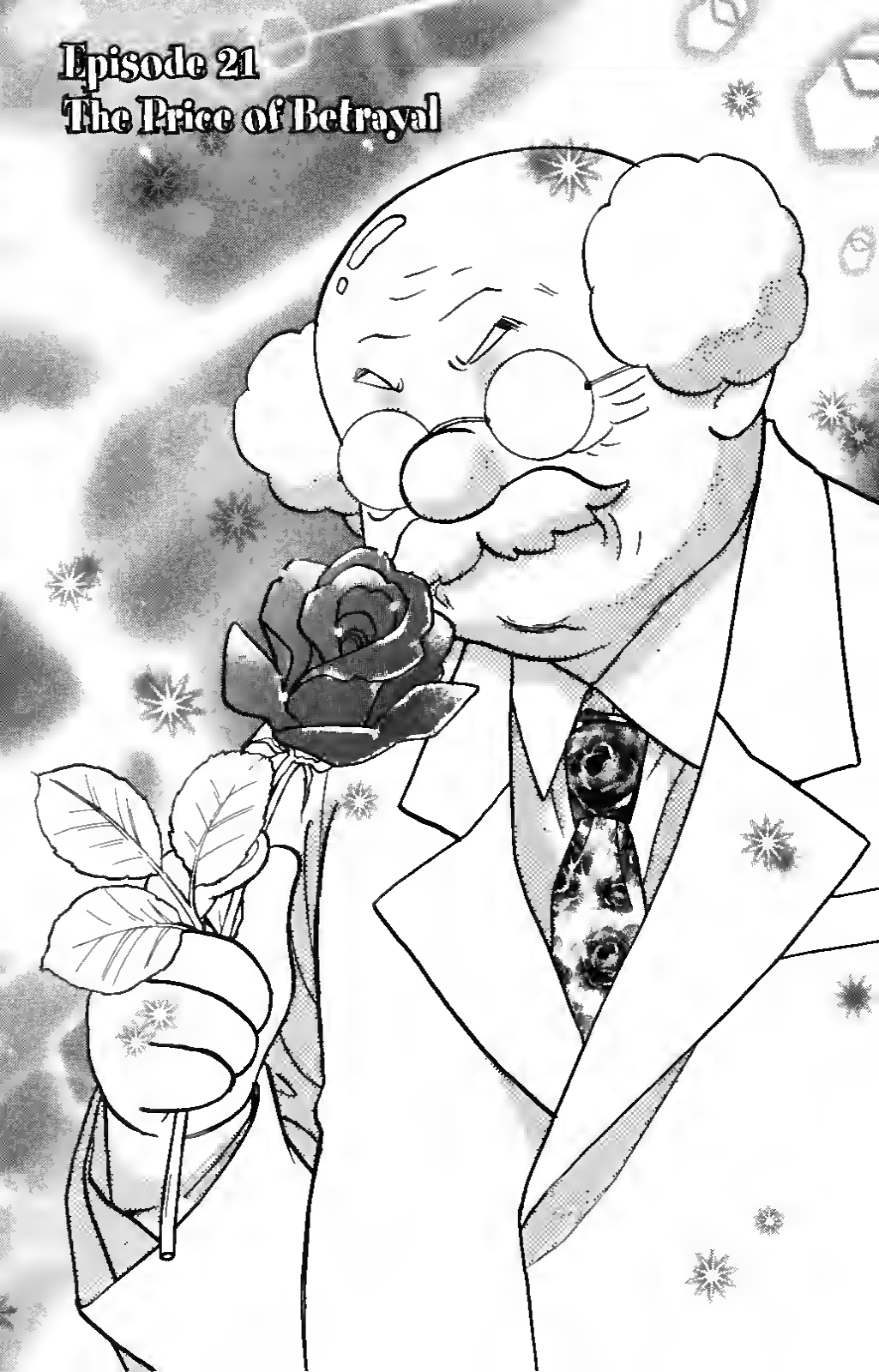
THE THING IS, GRANDFATHER WAS SO QUICK TO AGREE...

...THIS COULD BE MY ONLY SHOT TO MAKE IT HAPPEN.

BUT...

YOU'VE GOT YOURSELF A DEAL!
I JUST TOTALLY SOLD YOU OUT.
SORRY, SHIINA-SAN...
..
Ahaha!

Episode 21
The Price of Betrayal



SAFETY FIRST
GRANDPA, I BROUGHT YOU SOME TEA.
PLEASE, TAKE A BREAK.

FIRST
I HAVE NO TIME TO LEISURELY DRINK TEA!
I HAVE TO FIX THIS EXCHANGE MACHINE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!
He's named it.
IT'S NOT HEALTHY FOR YOU TO WORK NON-STOP.
PUT IT DOWN SOME-WHERE OVER THERE.
GRAND-FATHER...!
I NEED MORE MONEY, SO COULD YOU SELL MY EXERCISE MACHINES FOR AS MUCH CASH AS YOU CAN GET?
BEFORE I FORGET...
SAFETY FIRST
GOOD LUCK!
YOUR TEA WILL BE OVER HERE WHEN YOU WANT IT.
UNDER-STOOD.

Oddly, thinking about it makes me a little sad.
AT THIS RATE, I'LL BE BACK IN MY OWN BODY IN NO TIME!
HE'S LIKE A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PERSON. ♡
Taiwan eel, 298 yen. A meal to energize him!
GRAND-FATHER HAS BECOME SO DEPEN-DABLE.
Maybe secretly drugging her is the best way.
HMMM.....
SHE HAS NO INTENTIONS OF TURNING BACK.
THE PROBLEM IS MOMOI-SAN.
YOU LOOK HAPPY, NANAKO-CHAN.
DID SOME-THING GOOD HAPPEN?

throb
I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS, BUT...
...IT'S STILL VERY GOOD TO HEAR.
REALLY?
SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN WORRYING ME IS FINALLY GETTING RESOLVED.
YES! ♡
NANAKO-CHAN?
FORGIVE ME, SHIINA-SAN ...!
Did you make it, Nanako-chan?
It tastes good
Thank you!
JUST TAKE IT!
WHAT? BUT WHY, NANAKO-CHAN? YOU LOVE FRIED CHICKEN!
The last piece, too?
HAVE IT.

YOU CAN'T LIVE ON YOUR OWN FAT DEPOSITS FOREVER!
GRANDPA ...
YOU SKIPPED EATING AGAIN? IT'S THE FIFTH DAY IN A ROW!
FOR ME RIGHT NOW..
...TIME IS MORE PRECIOUS THAN FOOD, SLEEP, OR GOING TO THE BATHROOM!
GRAND-FATHER...
Eww, he's not ?
FAINT
GRANDPA !!

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT!?
LET G-GO OF ME, N-NANAKO.
...MAKOTO-CHAN...
EAR CLEANING ...
...ON LAP...

Uhm...
Bam
Bam
Bam
MAYBE I SHOULD ASK SHIINA-SAN TO COME OVER AND HAVE DINNER TONIGHT.
AKIRA!
I HOPE GRANDPA IS OKAY.
MAYBE I SHOULDN'T HAVE MADE THAT PROMISE.
If he kills himself with work, it'll defeat the purpose

WHY? YOU USED TO COME OVER ALL THE TIME.
YOU MUST BE JOKING!
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
I BOUGHT A NEW MONOPOLY SET. YOU WANNA HELP ME BREAK IT IN?
You like Monopoly, right?
SEN-BONGI...
MOMOI-SAN AND I ARE NOT STAYING LIKE THIS FOREVER.
YOU SHOULD GET A PROPER GIRLFRIEND.
DO YOU HAVE SOME IDEA FOR HOW TO SWITCH BACK?
NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.
OH, SHIINA!

Do you have plans tonight?
I'm making dinner. You should come
You mean it?
Sure! ♡
Really?!
HEY, AKIRA...
HUH?
THOSE TWO...
...DIDN'T USED TO BE THAT CLOSE, DID THEY?
How about fried shrimp with sauce?
I've been craving your fried chicken for days! ♡

MOMOI PLANS TO LURE SHIINA-SAN TO HER HOUSE TONIGHT.
LURE ...?!
I'M COMING, TOO!
MAY I JOIN YOU?
What?!
WHAT'S WITH THE FACE? IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG WITH ME COMING?
N-NOTHING ..
I HAVE TO BE CAREFUL. MOMOI-SAN AND SENBONGI CAN NEVER FIND OUT ABOUT THE MACHINE!!
They will try to stop me!
Senbongi

ナタ
THUMP

WHO IS THAT?
MAKOTO-CHAN...
MA...
O-OKAY.
Different shape
The living room is that way
GLAM
Thanks
S-SORRY! PLEASE, COME ON IN!
WAIT, GRANDPA!
TWIRL
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME MAKOTO-CHAN WAS GOING TO VISIT?!
How embarrassing! I look like a skeleton!!
SORRY, I WANTED TO SURPRISE YOU.

NANAKO, HOW DO I LOOK?
DOES THIS COVER THE BAGS UNDER MY EYES?
A powder puff?
I-IT'S FINE... YOU LOOK GREAT.
You've got stubble
IF YOU KEEP GOING LIKE THIS, YOU'LL GET SICK, AND THE MACHINE'LL NEVER BE FIXED.
COME ON OUT AND EAT DINNER WITH SHIINA.
WE NEED TO WORK TO-GETHER ON THIS.
YES, TOO RIGHT.
THEN NANAKO IS GOING TO LET MAKOTO-CHAN CLEAN MY EARS WHILE I SIT ON HER LAP.
A PROMISE FROM MAN TO MAN.

GRAND-
FATHER...!
NANAKO...!
NOW
IT ALL
MAKES
SENSE...

GAH!
M-MOMOI-SAN!!
WHY WOULD MY SHIINA HAVE TO SIT THAT OLD COOT ON HER LAP AND CLEAN HIS FILTHY EARS? HUH?!
UEHARA! HOW DARE YOU MAKE HIM THAT PROMISE!
DID YOU REALLY THINK YOU COULD HIDE FROM ME?
M-M-MOMOI-SAN, PLEASE CALM DOWN.
I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU...
I HAVE NO INTENTION OF SWITCHING BACK ANY TIME SOON!

STOP IT, NANAKO!
YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO FIX THIS MACHINE WHEN I'M DONE!!!

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GRAND-FATHER'S DREAM AND MINE EXPLODED ALONG WITH THE HOUSE.
IT'S BEEN TWO WEEKS SINCE I BETRAYED SHIINA-SAN.
Nana!!
Wh-what happened? Nanami-chan, are you okay??
Nanami looks good.

HMM...
JUST A LITTLE MORE!
GRANDFATHER, TURN MORE TOWARD ME, PLEASE.
LIKE THIS?
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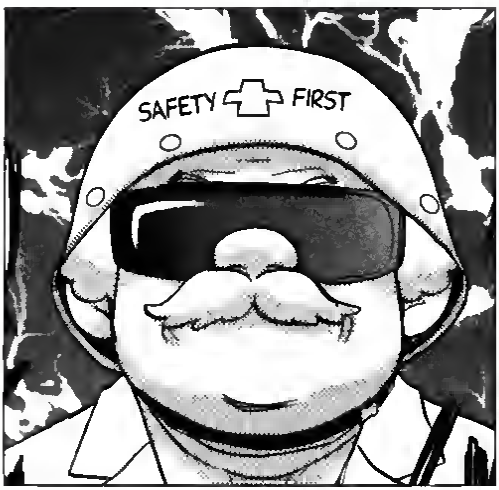
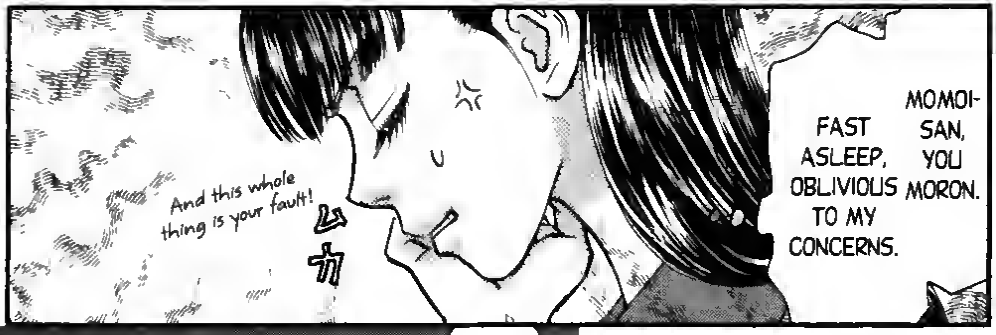
Episode 22
Memories of the School Festival, Part 1


SAFETY FIRST

Oops, I lost it
I was so close
WHAT?!
TH-THANK YOU FOR STOPPING BY TODAY, MAKOTO-CHAN. ♡
MAY I ASK YOU TO VISIT AND CLEAN MY EARS AGAIN SOME TIME?
A SMALL FAVOR LIKE THAT? ANYTIME! ♡
JUST PROMISE TO TAKE BETTER CARE OF YOURSELF!
If you find me worthy
SEE YOU AT SCHOOL, NANAKO-CHAN!
パターン
.....

HMM?
G-GRANDPA..
...WHAT ABOUT FIXING THE MACHINE?
WHEN I GET BETTER
I'm going to dream about her before I forget how she felt
ZZZ...

Listen, today's agenda for this meeting is...
GIGL
I THOUGHT I FINALLY HAD SOME HOPE OF SWITCHING BACK.


And this whole thing is your fault!
MOMOI-SAN, YOU MORON.
FAST ASLEEP, OBLIVIOUS TO MY CONCERNS.

SO, AS I SAID--
UM, ARE YOU OKAY WITH IT, MOMOI-SAN?

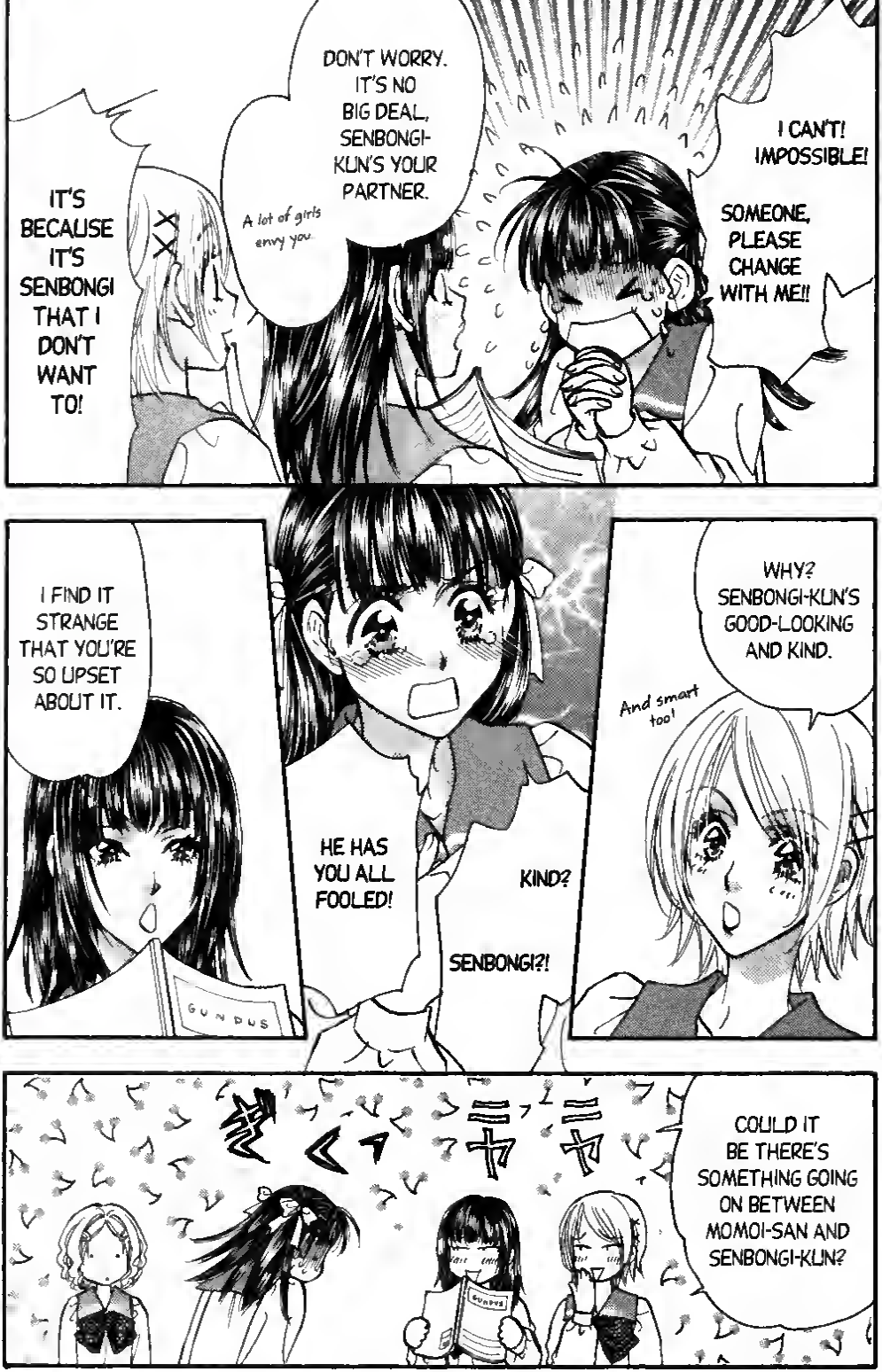
Wahhh
ZZZZZZ
scratch scratch

WHAT?!
ME?
YEAH...

WHAAA--!?
WELL THEN, IT'S SETTLED. MOMOI-SAN WILL PLAY JULIET!
I WILL. ♡
NO, NO, NO!!
W-WAIT A MINUTE.
OKAY. WHO WANTS TO BE ROMEO?

WELL, SINCE WE HAVE NO OTHER VOLUNTEERS, DOES EVERYONE AGREE ON SENBONGI-KUN?
AHH!
AGREED.
NO OBJECTION.
WE'LL BE AWESOME TOGETHER, MOMOI.
WHAT WAS THE STORY OF...
...ROMEO AND JULIET?!

HOME EC
SOOOO...
ROMEO KILLS JULIET'S COUSIN IN ORDER TO AVENGE HIS BEST FRIEND, GETTING HIMSELF BANISHED.
AND ACCORDING TO THE ORIGINAL STORY, HE STAYS OVERNIGHT AND THEY DO IT.
Our version is edited
DID YOU KNOW THAT IT'S ONLY FOUR DAYS AFTER ROMEO AND JULIET MEET THAT THEY DIE?
THAT'S RIGHT.
I can't measure
Nanako-chan?
AND THEY'RE ONLY 16 AND 13!
Italians are unbelievable!
THERE ARE NO BED SCENES, BUT THERE ARE KISS SCENES.
GOOD LUCK!
Eeeeee!


I CAN'T! IMPOSSIBLE!
SOMEONE, PLEASE CHANGE WITH ME!!
DON'T WORRY. IT'S NO BIG DEAL, SENBONGI-KUN'S YOUR PARTNER.
A lot of girls envy you.
IT'S BECAUSE IT'S SENBONGI THAT I DON'T WANT TO!
WHY? SENBONGI-KUN'S GOOD-LOOKING AND KIND.
And smart too!
I FIND IT STRANGE THAT YOU'RE SO UPSET ABOUT IT.
HE HAS YOU ALL FOOLED!
KIND?
SENBONGI?!
COULD IT BE THERE'S SOMETHING GOING ON BETWEEN MOMOI-SAN AND SENBONGI-KUN?

THERE'S!
NOTHING!
ENOUGH EVERYONE. STOP TEASING HER.
I wanna pick you down!
ME, TOO...!
WHAT?!
Over a girl, too!
NO WAY!
WHY AM I SUDDENLY SO HORNY?
Wild animal?
YEAH, EVEN THOUGH SHE USED TO ACT LIKE A WILD ANIMAL!
IT'S JUST THAT MOMOI-SAN'S SO ADORABLE! ♡
SORRY.

A-ALL RIGHT.
YOU'RE BEING SILLY. IT'S JUST A PLAY!
EVERYTHING IS PRETEND, EVEN THE KISSING.
THAT'S RIGHT...
Should I strip for this?
No thanks
Bend down
MAKE THE BOYS SUBMIT!
Momoi-san in a dress...
It'll look great on you!
PLUS, YOU'LL GET TO WEAR A PRETTY DRESS! ♡
IT'S SETTLED, THEN.
How cute
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Wow, D-cups!
SENBONGI-KUN, LET ME GET YOUR MEASURE-MENTS. ♡

I'LL BE FINE...
He's not Italian.
EVEN SENBONGI WOULDN'T TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ME.
NOT IN FRONT OF EVERYBODY, AT LEAST.
You're more muscular than you look.
Oh, my
...PLUS, THERE'S THE REAL MOMOI-SAN.
Uehara-kun.
WHY IS MY PART "THE TREE"?
Y-you were sleeping
Calm down.

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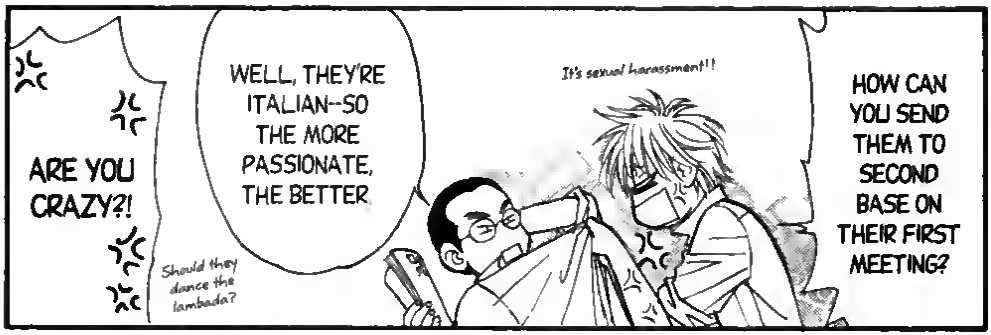
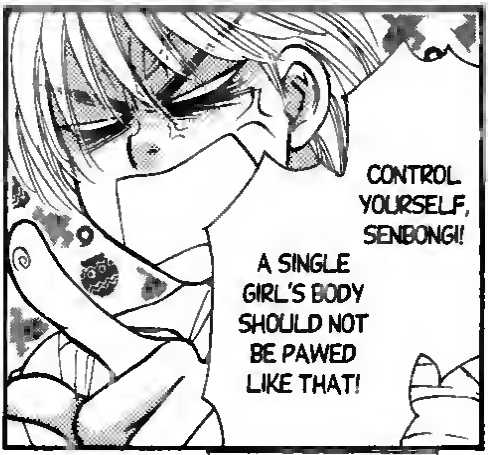
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? EVERYONE CAN SEE!
JUST WHAT IT SAYS IN THE SCRIPT.

THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE A DANCE SCENE, NOT A MAKE-OUT SESSION!
OKAY, ROMEO. GET CLOSER!
JULIET, GO TO HIM, NOT FROM HIM!!
You're leaning back.
YOU GET AWAY FROM HER, SENBONGI!!!
HELP!!
M-MOMOI-SAN!

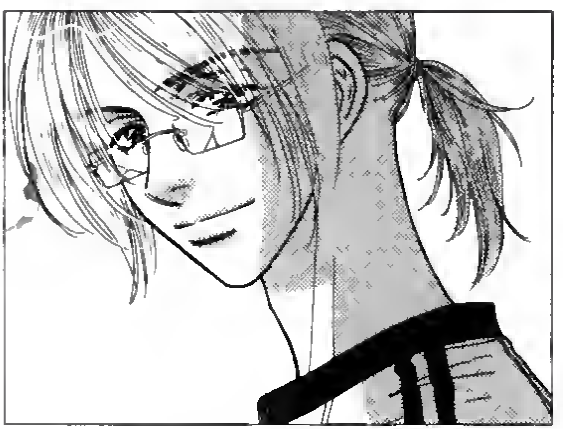

ARE YOU CRAZY?!
WELL, THEY'RE ITALIAN--SO THE MORE PASSIONATE, THE BETTER
Should they dance the lambada?
It's sexual harassment!!!
HOW CAN YOU SEND THEM TO SECOND BASE ON THEIR FIRST MEETING?

IT'S NOT MY FAULT. BLAME SHAKES-PEARE.
BESIDES, WHY DO YOU CARE SO MUCH?


CONTROL YOURSELF, SENBONGI!
A SINGLE GIRL'S BODY SHOULD NOT BE PAWED LIKE THAT!

YOU...
YOU'RE RIGHT.
ME?!
SHIINA-SAN.
WHAT DO YOU THINK?

MOMOI-SAN!
GRR...
Grin
OH, ALL RIGHT. I GUESS YOU HAVE TO DO WHAT THE PLAY SAYS!
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY 17 YEARS OF LIFE, I EXPERIENCED FIRST-HAND WHAT IT IS TO HAVE NO WAY OUT.
JULIET ESCAPED!!
Chase her!
WAIT, MOMOI-SAN-?!
OKAY, PICK IT UP FROM WHERE HE ASKS HER TO DANCE.



"GOOD PILGRIM, YOU DO WRONG YOUR HAND TOO MUCH...
"...WHICH MANNERLY DEVOTION SHOWS IN THIS.
"FOR SAINTS HAVE HANDS THAT PILGRIMS' HANDS DO TOUCH, AND PALM TO PALM IS HOLY PALMERS' KISS."
"IF I PROFANE WITH MY UNWORTHIEST HAND THIS HOLY SHRINE, THE GENTLEFINE IS THIS:
"MY LIPS, TWO BLUSHING PILGRIMS, READY STAND. TO SMOOTH THAT ROUGH TOUCH WITH A TENDER KISS.

Noooo!!!
I CAN'T DO THIS.
I NEED SOMEONE ELSE TO BE JULIET!
A DREAM...!!

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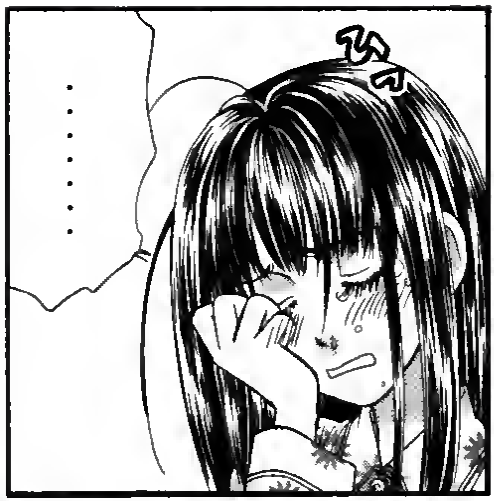
Memories of the School Festival, Part II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NO ONE IS GOING TO MARRY A GIRL WITH SUCH A DIRTY MIND!!
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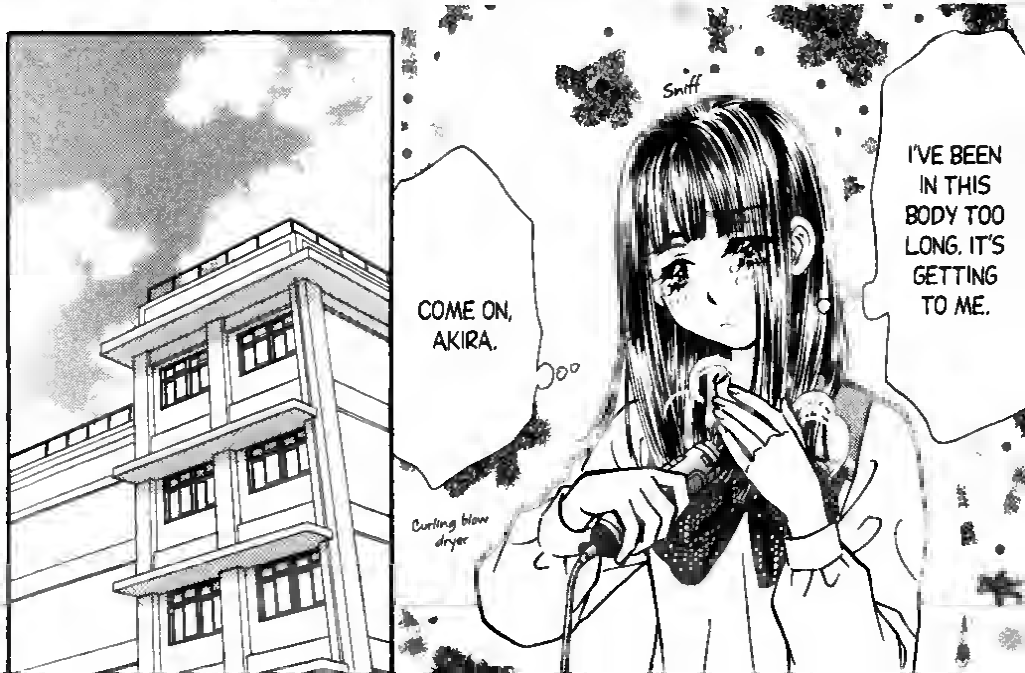
Take it back! Evil!
Ahhhh!
WHAT AM I THINK-ING?


Sniff
I'VE BEEN IN THIS BODY TOO LONG. IT'S GETTING TO ME.
COME ON, AKIRA.
Curling blow dryer

2-4 ROMEO & JULIET

UH-HUH...
OUR CLASS LEADER MADE A POSTER FOR US!
CHECK IT OUT! NO WONDER HE BELONGS TO THE ART CLUB. ♡
Who is this?
It's actually the manga club.
Isn't it great?
ROMEO & JULIET

BOY, IT SURE LOOKS NICE!
IT'LL LOOK GREAT ON YOU, MOMOI-SAN! ♡
ISN'T IT CUTE?!
Juliet
WE'VE SETTLED ON YOUR COSTUME DESIGN. ♡
EVERY-THING'S COMING TOGETHER!
AREN'T YOU EXCITED?
I FOUND SOME BEAUTIFUL CLOTH AT YOZAWAYA YESTERDAY.
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WE'RE ALL GOING TO MAKE THIS A FABULOUS PRODUCTION!

NOTHING. FORGET IT...
SAY, WHAT DID YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT?
STICK TO YOUR INITIAL PLAN!
DON'T DO IT, AKIRA!
IT'S ABOUT ME PLAYING JULIET...
UH, UM, WELL...
DON'T YOU WANT TO SEE MOMOI'S BODY IN A DRESS?

I'LL TONE IT DOWN IF YOU GO OUT WITH ME.
BUT WHY DO YOU HAVE TO BE SO BRAZEN ON STAGE?
I KNOW THAT.
I was looking forward to that dress!
I BET SHE'LL LOOK GREAT.
JULIET'S SUITS HER PERFECTLY.
YES, I DO. ♡
I'M JOKING. I'LL TAKE IT EASY, ALL RIGHT?
I'M AFRAID I MUST QUIT THIS ROLE!
YOU GOT IT.
REALLY?
YOU WON'T COME CLOSE OR TOUCH ME MORE THAN NECESSARY?
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I THOUGHT THE MOON WAS INCONS-TANT?
I don't believe him..
"BY YONDER BLESSED MOON I SWEAR, THAT TIPS WITH SILVER ALL THESE FRUIT-TREE TOPS..."
I SWEAR.
HEY, YOU TWO.
WE WERE DISCUSSING THE PLAY.
WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING HERE ALONE?
MO--
UEHARA-KUN!
KEEP YOUR DISTANCE WHEN YOU'RE NOT PRACTICING!
You disturb the moral order!

S-SURE.
OKAY, MOMOI. LET'S GIVE IT OUR ALL AT PRACTICE.
YES...
JEEZ, UEHARA. MAKE SURE HE KEEPS HIS HANDS TO HIMSELF!
MOMOI-SAN...
YOU CAN'T TRUST HIM NOT TO USE THE PLAY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE.

THAT MAKES ME HAPPY.
I DIDN'T EXPECT MOMOI-SAN TO BE SO CONCERNED ABOUT ME.
Eep!
The prep guy was looking for you.
THERE YOU ARE, UEHARA-KUN.
WITH LOVE'S LIGHT WINGS...
DID I O'ER PERCH THESE WALLS: FOR STONY LIMITS CANNOT HOLD LOVE OUT.

"AND WHAT LOVE CAN DO THAT DARES LOVE ATTEMPT...
"...THEREFORE THY KINSMEN ARE NO LET TO ME.
"MY LIFE WERE BETTER ENDED BY THEIR HATE...
"...THAN DEATH PROROGUED, WANTING OF THY LOVE."
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There's something X-rated radiating from him!
WOW...
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WHOA.
WHO KNEW SENBONGI-KUN COULD ACT SO WELL?
MOMOI-SAN, TRADE PLACES WITH ME.
We're feeling faint.
I THINK HE'S MAKING ME PREGNANT.
I KNOW HE'S KEEPING HIS HANDS TO HIMSELF...
...BUT STILL...THIS IS JUST...
"...DID I O'ER-PERCH THESE WALLS."
"WITH LOVE'S ...
LIGHT WINGS..."

"I SWEAR...
"...BY THE MOON THAT TIPS WITH SILVER ALL THESE FRUIT-TREE TOPS--"
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YOU TWO, STEP AWAY! NEUTRAL CORNERS!
SENBONGI, YOU BASTARD, KNOCK IT OFF!
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I WON'T ALLOW ANY INDECENT ACTS ON CAMPUS!
SORRY ABOUT THAT. CARRY ON.
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WHAT'S WRONG, MOMOI?
ARE YOU OKAY?

WHAT AM I GOING TO BE PUT THROUGH?
I SHOULD HAVE TURNED THIS PART DOWN.
GET IN POSITION, ROMEO, AND START FROM "I SWEAR."
MOMOI?
Yes let's do
Maybe we should have a balcony kiss! A steamy one!
UNGH...
I'M SCARED!
MOMOI-SAN, PLEASE HELP ME!!
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MOMO-!
What.?
MOMO! CAN'T DO THIS!
I'M GOING TO BE JULIET!

COME ON! I'LL DO ANYTHING? WANNA KISS? JUMP IN THE SACK?!
BRING IT ON, SENBONGI!
THE NIGHTMARE of OKINAWA RETURNS!
SMECK
ARGH!!!
STAY AWAY FROM ME, AKIRA!!
My reputation...!
MOMOI-SAN
Eeeeee!! Juliet!!!

SHI--
SHIINA...?

TEN MORE DAYS UNTIL THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL..
UEHARA-KUN...?
MOMOI-SAN, YOU MORON!!
Are you home?
Nanako!
I'm hungry!
MY BODY ASSAULTED A GUY TODAY...
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School Festival
YO, SENBONGI! THE COSTUME MISTRESS WANTS YOU.
YOU NEED TO GET CHANGED.
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YEAH, RIGHT.

Episode 24
Memories of the School Festival, Part III

GIGGLE
REALLY?
YEEE!
WHISPER
WHISPER
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Welcome
SH-SHIINA!
. . . . . .
AT THIS MOMENT...
...I WOULDN'T MIND NEVER SWITCHING BACK.
No, Senbongi-kun is the uke!!
It's all about the Senbongi x Uehara! ♡

GIRL'S LOCKER
UMM...
YOU SHOULD STOP WORRYING. IT'S JUST A JOKE THAT'S GONE TOO FAR.
I KNOW THAT.
BUT HE'S ALWAYS IRRITATED DURING PRACTICE.
HE PICKS ON SENBONGI-KUN TOO.
Uh-oh
IT'S JUST BECAUSE THEY'RE SO COMPETITIVE.
SEE, AKIRA IS A TREE, AND HE'S JEALOUS, HAVING GROWN UP WITH SENBONGI SINCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!
NANAKO-CHAN, PASS ME YOUR MAKE-UP.
I'll do it for you!

UM, OKAY.
FACE THIS WAY.
STAY STILL.
YOUR COMPLEXION IS AMAZING, AND YOU DON'T EVEN USE LIP-GLOSS.
TH-THANKS.
STAY STILL!
UM, H-HEY, SHIINA?
NO! SHE'LL HEAR MY HEART POUNDING.
SURE! Sorry.
WOW, HER FACE IS SO CLOSE
SHE'S REALLY PRETTY.

GOSH...
NANAKO-CHAN, DO YOU THINK..
OH, NO!
WE'RE BOTH GIRLS NOW.
Too strange!
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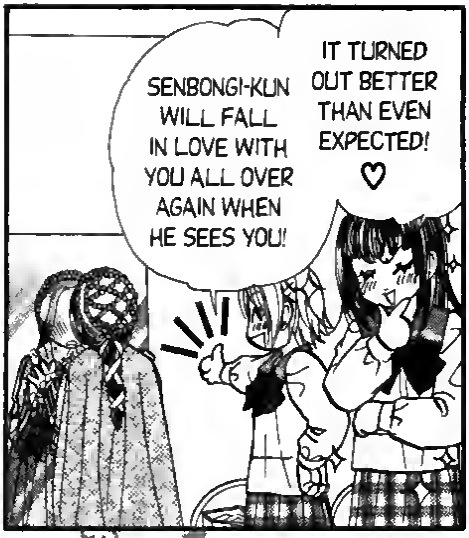
...MAYBE UEHARA-KUN...?
WHAT?
NEVER MIND
YOU'RE ALL DONE!
OH MY GOSH! YOU LOOK SO CUTE!!
IT LOOKS SO GREAT ON YOU! ALL OF OUR HARD WORK SEWING PAID OFF! ♡

NANAKO-CHAN?!
D-DON'T SWEAT IT.


IT TURNED OUT BETTER THAN EVEN EXPECTED! ♡
SENBONGI-KUN WILL FALL IN LOVE WITH YOU ALL OVER AGAIN WHEN HE SEES YOU!

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Are you sure?
SHIINA .. THIS IS A BAD IDEA.
IT'S GONNA BE FINE. YOU LOOK GREAT!
Great PR for the show!

COME ON, NANAKO-CHAN.
LET'S GO SHOW SENBONGI-KUN! ♡

HEY, CHECK IT OUT!
MOMOI-SAN CLEANS UP REAL GOOD!
Ohmy-gawd!
My Juliet!
Stunning transfor-mation!
COME ON! DON'T BE SHY!
W-WAIT A MINUTE...
TA-DA!

HEY, SENBONGI, GIVE A BROTHA A CHANCE TO BE ROMEO!
JULIET'S THE BEST!!
YES, YES, YES!
YOU LOOK LIKE A REAL WOMAN!
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MOMOI....
Yikes!
YOU LOOK REALLY--

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MO-
UEHARA-
KUN!
NO ONE WANTS TO SEE A GUY IN TIGHTS.
WEAR A PAIR OF THOSE PUFFY SHORTS TO COVER YOUR JUNK
SH-SHIINA!
HA HA HA!
SHIINA, WHICH DO YOU LIKE BETTER? TIGHTS OR PUFFY SHORTS?
MOMOI-SAN, YOU IDIOT!!

YUCKY!
STAY BACK, NANAKO-CHAN. YOU'LL GET BLOOD ON YOUR COSTUME.
BUT...
BIG BROTHER!
SHIINA-SENSEI!
I'LL TAKE HIM TO THE NURSE.
Go ahead to the gym

OH, NOTHING.
WHAT?
ONE LESS INTRUSION.
SHIINA-SAN'S SUSPICIOUS. SHE'S NOTICED ALL THE WEIRDNESS.
DON'T DO ANYTHING TO DESTROY THE PRODUCTION, Y'GET ME?!
ERR... OKAY.
ARGH!
C-COME HERE, MOMOI-SAN.
WHAT IS IT NOW?
You mean Olivia Hussey.
NOT THAT I CAN'T UNDERSTAND SENBONGI'S FEELINGS.
I MAKE EVEN ISSEY OGATA TREMBLE.
I-I KNOW THAT.
I'LL STAY QUIET, BUT ONLY FOR TODAY. IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT MY BODY FROM SENBONGI!

MOMOI!
EGADS!
ALL RIGHT.
MOMOI-SAN, UEHARA-KUN, LET'S HEAD OVER TO THE GYM.
I'M GETTING BUTTERFLIES.
I HOPE I DON'T FORGET ANY OF MY LINES.
BREAK A LEG!

WITH LOVE'S LIGHT WINGS DID I O'ER-PERCH THESE WALLS...
...FOR STONY LIMITS CANNOT HOLD LOVE OUT.
AND WHAT LOVE CAN DO THAT DARES LOVE ATTEMPT!
THEREFORE THY KINSMEN ARE NO LET TO ME.
WHAT SHALL I SWEAR BY?
DO NOT SWEAR AT ALL.
OR, IF THOU WILT, SWEAR BY THY GRACIOUS SELF.

...MAY PROVE A BEAUTEOUS FLOWER WHEN NEXT WE MEET.
...BY SUMMER'S RIPENING BREATH...
THIS BUD OF LOVE...
IF MY HEART'S DEAR LOVE--
SWEET, GOOD NIGHT!
S-SENBONGI, DON'T GET SO CLOSE.
I DON'T HAVE MY GLASSES, SO I CAN'T SEE VERY WELL.
O, WILT THOU LEAVE ME SO UNSATISFIED!
NO THANKS!

I GAVE THEE MINE BEFORE THOU DIDST REQUEST IT!
Cut it out!
OUCH!
THE EXCHANGE OF THY LOVE'S FAITHFUL VOW--
YES, YESSS! THIS TENSION IS FABULOUS.
ACTING IS A COMBATIVE SPORT.
U-UEHARA!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? TREES DON'T MOVE.
Momoi-san!
Hmph
W-WHAT?
WHAT WAS THAT?

I told you to stand still!
EEP!
CAN I MAINTAIN MY PURITY UNTIL THE END OF THIS PLAY!?
OH MY LOVE!
MY WIFE!
DEATH, THAT HATH SUCK'D THE HONEY OF THY BREATH, HATH HAD NO POWER YET UPON THY BEAUTY...
...IS CRIMSON IN THY LIPS.
AND IN THY CHEEKS
AND DEATH'S PALE FLAG IS NOT ADVANCED THERE
AH, DEAR JULIET, WHY ART THOU YET SO FAIR?
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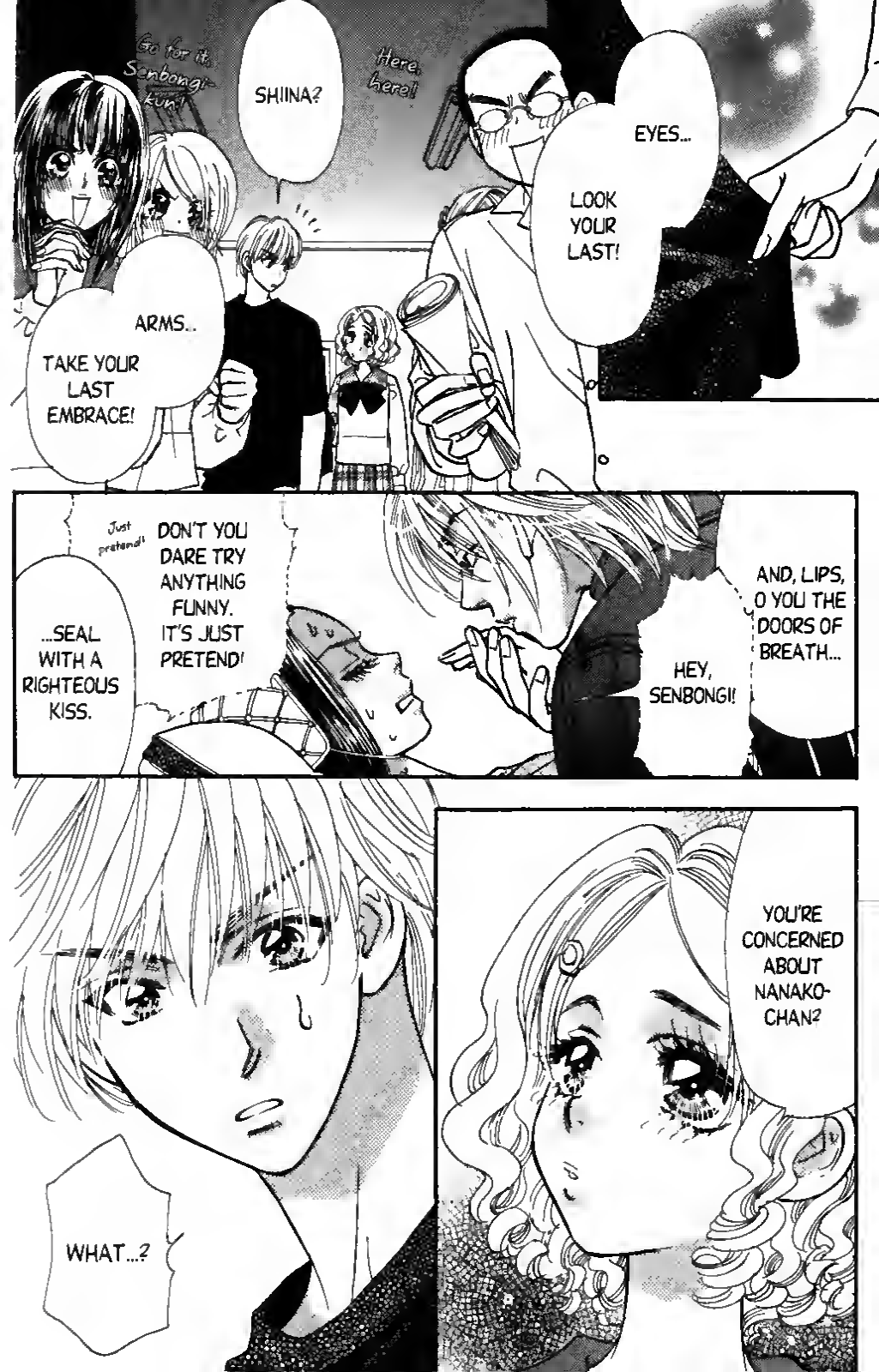
Go for it, Senbongi-kun!
SHIINA?
Here, here!
EYES...
LOOK YOUR LAST!
ARMS..
TAKE YOUR LAST EMBRACE!
Just pretend!
DON'T YOU DARE TRY ANYTHING FUNNY. IT'S JUST PRETEND!
...SEAL WITH A RIGHTEOUS KISS.
HEY, SENBONGI!
AND, LIPS, O YOU THE DOORS OF BREATH...
YOU'RE CONCERNED ABOUT NANAKO-CHAN?
WHAT...?

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WAIT!!
EEEK!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
Yes!
SH...
SHIINA?
MOMOI-SAN?!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, SENBONGI?!
GET YOUR DAMN HANDS OFF HER!

UEHARA-KUN.
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ARGH!
OUCH.
OW...

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WHAT THE--?
WHAT JUST HAP-PENED?
DID YOU...
...SEE THAT?

NO!
DID OUR LIPS...?
MOMOI-SAN...!
SHI-
SHIINA?
Oops!

IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK, SHIINA!
Owl
--I HAVE FEELINGS OR ANYTHING FOR MOMOI.
IT...IT'S NOT LIKE--
WHAT?
IS THIS PART OF THE PLAY?
GULP...
OUCH OUCH
UM...
REALLY? IT'S NOT?
Are you okay?
Uh-huh
IT'S JUST, Y'KNOW ..
IT'S JUST THAT...
WELL...

WHAT-EVER.
I CAN'T GET SENBONGI OUT OF MY BRAIN...!
WHA?

SQUEAL!!!
IT'S OVER...
VICTIM
I'M SORRY...

UEHARA-KUN, YOU'RE GOING OUT WITH ME. HOW IS THAT DIFFERENT?
UM... WELL...
YOU'VE GOT A POINT.
SENBONGI HAS BEEN THERE WITH ME AND LOOKED UP TO ME SINCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
BUT ONCE THIS PLAY STARTED, HE DITCHED ME AND WAS ALL ABOUT MOMOI.
HE COMPLETELY CHECKED OUT. IT'S A DRAG.
I DIDN'T KNOW BOYS WERE LIKE THAT.
IT'S NEAT THAT YOU WERE SO CLOSE TO SENBONGI-KUN.
I hope he doesn't take this the wrong way
WELL, I CAN UNDERSTAND HOW SENBONGI FEELS.
HE CAN'T HELP IT.
YEAH. NANAKO-CHAN IS REALLY PRETTY.

I'VE SAID THIS OVER AND OVER!
THAT WAS ALL AN ACCIDENT! WHY CAN'T YOU BELIEVE ME?!
OH!
YES, I KNOW THAT.
.....
SHIINA...

I'M SORRY.
THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL PLAY ENDED IN DISASTER
But still had a great impact
SH-SHIINA?!!
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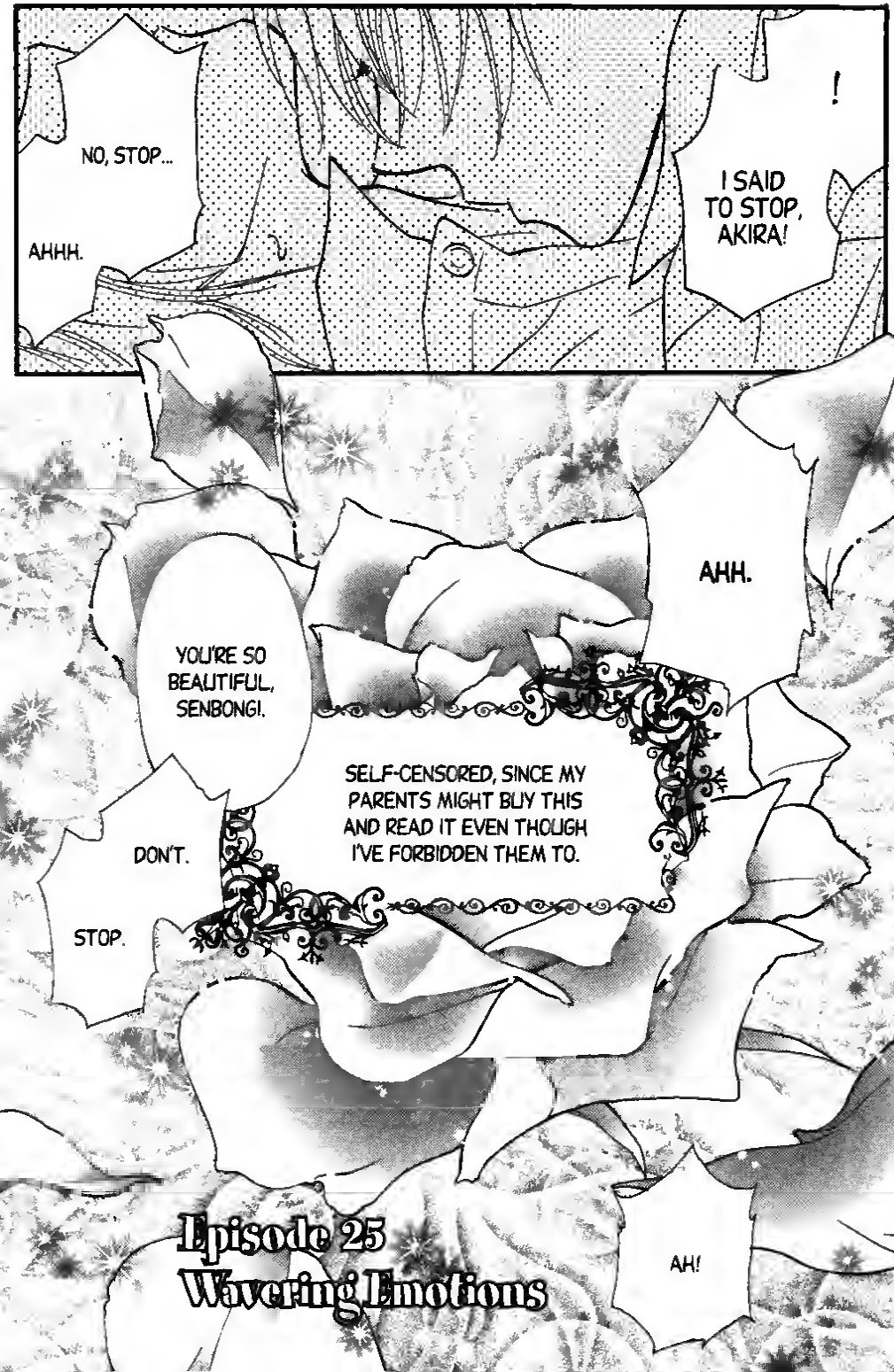
SHOULD I OR SHOULD I NOT SWITCH BACK?
FOR THE FIRST TIME, I SERIOUSLY WONDERED.
NANAKO! I'M HUNGRY
When is dinner?
MoMoI-sAN's AN IDIoT!!
FAINTED

NEVER.
AKIRA?!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? LET ME GO!
I LOVE YOU, SENBONGI.
I FELL FOR YOU IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
AKIRA...?


NO, STOP...
AHHH.
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I SAID TO STOP, AKIRA!
AHH.
YOU'RE SO BEAUTIFUL, SENBONGI.
SELF-CENSORED, SINCE MY PARENTS MIGHT BUY THIS AND READ IT EVEN THOUGH I'VE FORBIDDEN THEM TO.
DON'T.
STOP.
AH!
Episode 25
Wavering Emotions

HE AND HIS SECRET
SQUEAL
HE STAYED UP ALL NIGHT TO MAKE THIS PREVIEW BOOK, AND THERE'LL BE A SPECIAL PRINTED EDITION BY SUMMER.
ISN'T IT DREAMY?! ♡
Why did you say "ah"?
Eh, Sembongi?
Class Prez
Manga Club
THE MANGA CLUB DID A REAL SWELL JOB. ♡♡
ISN'T IT GREAT?! ♡
SMEXY! ♡

MOMOI-SAN, YOU MORON!
HOW CAN I EVER LIVE DOWN BEING IN SOMETHING LIKE THIS WITH SENBONGI?
THANK YOU...
PASS IT ON TO THE OTHER GIRLS WHEN YOU'RE DONE!
I BOUGHT THREE COPIES, SO YOU CAN KEEP THAT ONE.
Self-preservation + Self-dissemination
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N-NOTHING! G'MORNING!
WHAT ARE YOU READING?
Hey, y'all
THERE'S KETCHUP ON YOUR MOUTH.
MO...ER, UEHARA-KUN.

THANKS.
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WE KISSED.
...BUT MOMOI-SAN AND I...
IT WAS ONLY A BRIEF MOMENT...

ME? NOOOO!
Hee hee!
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YOU'RE BEING WEIRD.
GOOD MORNING!
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HEYA...
UM...
G-GOOD MORNING.
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UM, SHIINA?
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN TO YOU?
WHAT?
OH, NO! IS IT THAT OBVIOUS?
YEAH, PRETTY MUCH.
UM... WELL, Y'SEE...
WHAAAA--?!

HEE HEE.
NANAKO-CHAN?
.....
OH!
REALLY?
WHAT AM I DOING?
DID I THINK I WAS THE ONLY ONE...?
GOOD FOR YOU.

HOW STUPID OF ME!
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WHY IS EVERYONE LOOKING AT ME? IS THERE SOMETHING I DON'T KNOW?
Ever since that dumb play
Look!
SENBONGI-KUN
I'M GOING TO THE RESTROOM.
HERE.

I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.
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THE BELL'S GOING TO RING SOON.
パシ...
?
WHAT'S THIS?
?
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?!
HA
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DON'T YOU DARE!
AKIRA...
Gawd, shut up.
I'M GOING TO THE MANGA CLUB AND DEMANDING THEY PAY ROYALTIES.
WHOSE FAULT DO YOU THINK THAT IS?!
HEY, WHY DO YOU SUDDENLY TURN GIRLY WHEN WE START DOING IT?
LOOK AT THIS, SENBONGI. WE'RE GETTING ALL HOT AND STEAMY.
HOLY COW!
What do you mean "Ahhh"?
DON'T LAUGH!
IF YOU HAD A GIRLFRIEND, THAT WOULD HELP.
BESIDES, THE LIFE EXPECTANCY OF A RUMOR IS ONLY 49 DAYS.
WHO CARES? THEY'RE JUST MESSING AROUND.
It's funny
YOU MOURN FOR 49! COME ON, CONSIDER SHIINA'S FEELINGS...
NO, IT'S 7S DAYS!

Uh-oh!
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I-I'M GOING BACK TO CLASS.
I HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE.
MOMOI-SAN, HOW DARE YOU!!
NOOOO!!!
YOU'RE RIGHT
HEY, SENBONGI!
WAIT FOR ME...
MOMOI.

DOES IT REALLY FEEL THAT GOOD WHEN IT'S TWO GUYS?
HOW WOULD I KNOW?!
NANAKO-CHAN?
W-WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU TWO?
YOU SHOULDN'T EVEN BE DISCUSSING THIS!
ARE YOU HURT?
I'M JUST SAYING WHAT WE'RE ALL THINKING.
WELL, NEXT TIME KEEP IT TO YOURSELF!
BACK ME UP, SHIINA!
HE'LL LISTEN TO YOU. STOP HIM BEFORE HE GOES OFF AND--
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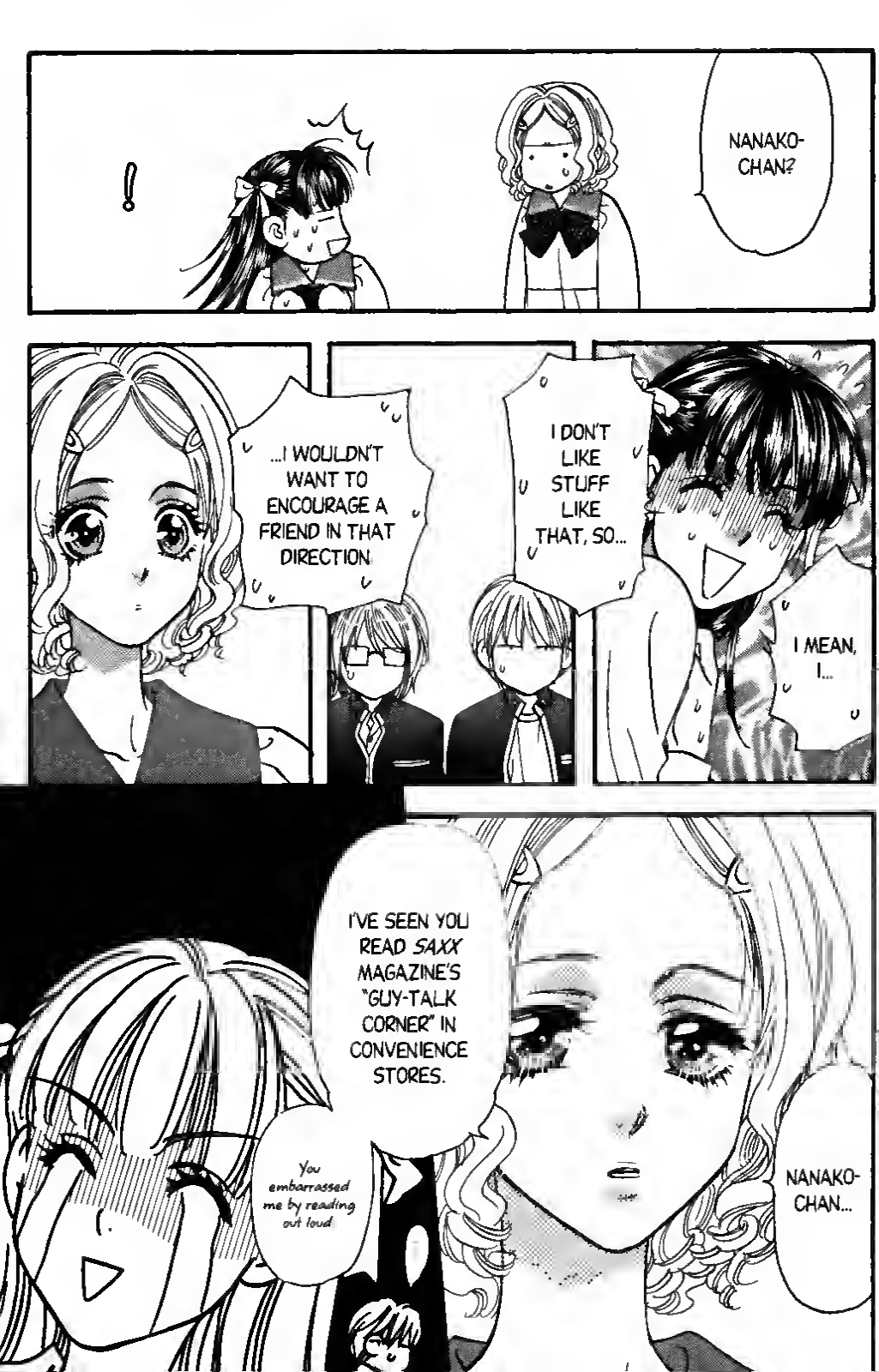
NANAKO-CHAN?
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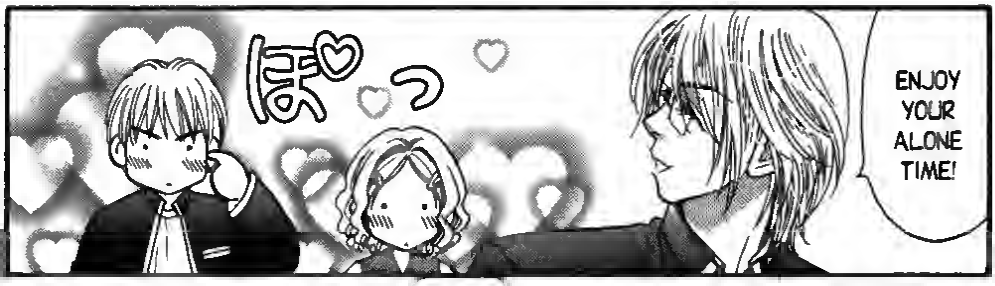
I MEAN, I...
I DON'T LIKE STUFF LIKE THAT, SO...
...I WOULDN'T WANT TO ENCOURAGE A FRIEND IN THAT DIRECTION
NANAKO-CHAN...
I'VE SEEN YOU READ SAXX MAGAZINE'S "GUY-TALK CORNER" IN CONVENIENCE STORES.
You embarrassed me by reading out loud

WHAT-EVER YOU SAY.
AKIRA, TAKE A SECOND TO THINK BEFORE YOU SHOOT YOUR MOUTH OFF NEXT TIME.
I'M OUT OF HERE.

OH, COME ON, NANAKO CHAN.
SEE YOU TOMORROW!
STOP JOKING! I-I HAVE TO GO WORK!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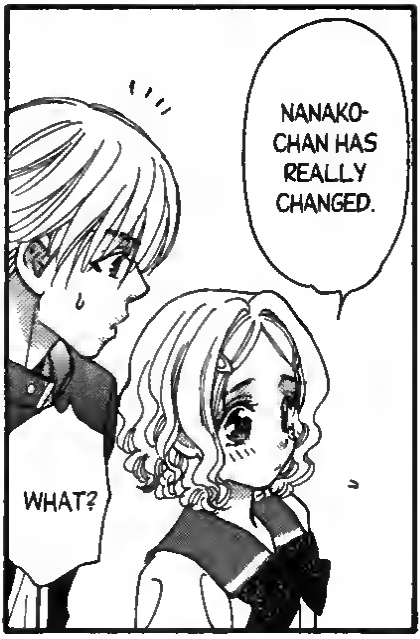
NANAKO-CHAN HAS REALLY CHANGED.
WHAT?

I SAID THIS BEFORE, BUT...
OUT OF NOWHERE, SHE BECAME SO LADY-LIKE AND LOVELY.

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IT'S IMPOSSIBLE.
YOU'RE OVER-THINKNG IT.
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IN LOVE? HER?!
MAYBE SHE...
I THOUGHT THAT MAYBE SHE FELL IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE...
WHAT?!
IT'S ALMOST LIKE YOU SWITCHED PERSONALITIES WITH NANAKO-CHAN.
UEHARA-KUN, YOU'VE CHANGED, TOO.
UEHARA-KUN, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
KUNIOTTI
WAGGGH!

EH?
IT WAS JUST A JOKE.
What did you think?
HOW COULD MOMO! AND I SWITCH...?
THAT'S CRAZY TALK, IS WHAT THAT IS! NO WAY!
HUH?
HEY, SHIINA.
WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF IT WAS TRUE?
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EEP! N-NEVER MIND!
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My bad.
HEH.
Y'KNOW, HYPOTHETICALLY.
WOULDN'T THAT MEAN I'VE KISSED NANAKO-CHAN?
Hmmmm...

HEY!
WAIT UP, AKIRA.
YOU HAVE TO FACE FACTS. GIVE UP ON MOMOI AND GO OUT WITH ME.
THE REASON WHY I'M GOING THROUGH ALL THIS GRIEF IS PARTIALLY YOUR FAULT. YOU OWE ME!
YOU NEED TO ADJUST YOUR THINKING. SHE LIKES BEING A GUY.
EVEN-TUALLY, SHE'LL FORGET SHE EVER WAS A GIRL.
LIKE I CAN EVEN TRUST YOU! YOU WON'T STOP UNTIL I'M NAKED IN MY SOCKS.
BESIDES, YOUR PREDI-CAMENT IS ENTIRELY YOUR FAULT.
NO WAY!
I AM NOT GOING TO GO OUT WITH A GUY! EVER!
YOU'RE PHYSICALLY A GIRL. IT WOULD BE NORMAL.

UMM...
BESIDES, MOMOI'S GOING OUT WITH SHIINA.
HOW FAR DO YOU THINK THEY'VE GONE?
CUT IT OUT, SENBONGI.
WE WERE GOOD FRIENDS WHEN WE WERE BOTH GUYS.

WHY ARE YOU SO INTENT ON CONFUSING ME?!
BECAUSE I LIKE YOU.
QUIT PINING AFTER MOMOI AND GO OUT WITH ME.
YOU WON'T REGRET IT.

I WON'T DO ANYTHING IN PUBLIC LIKE THIS.
ST-STAY BACK!
I'm not a beast
NOT ONE STEP CLOSER.
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I'M SERIOUS.
JUST THINK ABOUT IT, OKAY?

SENBONGI...
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HE'S NEVER FEARED THE PUBLIC EYE.
WHAT'S WITH SENBONGI SUDDENLY ACTING SO SERIOUS?
IT FREAKS ME OUT.
--OR RATHER, I'M A LOT INTERESTED IN WHAT IT'S LIKE.
STILL, I DO HAVE GIRL HORMONES, SO I AM A LITTLE--
IT'S IMPOSSI-BLE.
I MAY BE IN A GIRL'S BODY, BUT...
BUT, I...
IF I WAS...
...WE'RE STILL BOTH GUYS.

Where is this going?
WHAT AM I DOING FANTASIZING ABOUT MY OWN FACE?
IF I WAS GOING TO, I'D RATHER DO IT WITH MOMOI-SAN.
SENBONGI...
FORGIVE ME.
Hey there!
Good morning!

OH!
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HOW'S IT GOING?
NO!
WHERE IS THIS GOING?
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what was that?
WAIT...

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OKAY.

Chapter 26
Change of Uniforms

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GOOD MORNING, NANAKO-CHAN!
MORNING.
Cute! ♡
I LOVE SUMMER CLOTHES!
Such comfort!
OH!

YOUR SUMMER UNIFORM IS PRETTY. ♡
YES, IT IS.
IS IT REALLY?
Y-YOU THINK SO?
You make both look cute. Don't make me choose!
Tee hee! Which do you think is cuter, summer or winter?

MOMOI-SAN...
.....
OH!
I'LL SEE YOU LATER.
OKAY!
WHOOPS!
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AKIRA!

GOOD MORNING.
SENBONGI!
M-MORNING!
W-WHAT'S HAPPENING?
I FEEL SO AWKWARD.
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HMM...
THAT SUMMER UNIFORM LOOKS GREAT ON YOU.
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WAY ADORABLE.

R-REST-ROOM!
COME ON, HOMEROOM IS ABOUT TO START.
W-WHAT AM I DOING WITH SENBONGI?!
WE'RE BOTH DUDES!
I'M SERIOUS.
THINK ABOUT IT, OKAY?

I'VE NEVER HEARD HIM BE SO SINCERE.
IT'S CHANGED THE WAY I SEE HIM.
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NANAKO-CHAN?
OH... YEAH.
ARE YOU GOING TO THE CAFETERIA?
YOU HAVE TO HURRY, OR YOU'LL MISS LUNCH COMPLE-TELY.

NANAKO-CHAN, THE GIRL WHO EATS BOTH BRUNCH AND LUNCH WHEN SHE CAN? ARE YOU FEELING ILL?
Is your stomach hurting?
WHAAA-?!
I MEAN, NO.
I'M NOT HUNGRY TODAY.
UEHARA-KUN'S WAITING RIGHT?
NO, I'M FINE.
DON'T WORRY. GO ALONG WITHOUT ME.
HM?
NANAKO-CHAN, CAN I...
...ASK YOU SOMETHING?

WELL, YOU'VE BEEN ACTING KIND OF STRANGE THIS SEMESTER
SHIINA-SAN?!
W-WHAT?!
WHERE'D THAT COME FROM?
You're so girl-ish
Stopped eating raw meat
IS THERE SOMEONE YOU LIKE?
IT'S OKAY, NANAKO-CHAN.
YOU CAN TELL ME THE TRUTH. I WON'T BE SHOCKED.
ADMIT IT, AREN'T YOU--
N-NO!

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YES! I MEAN IT.
REALLY, NANAKO-CHAN?
SUCH IDEAS! THERE'S NO ONE!
NO WAY! WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, SHIINA?
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SHIINA-SAN!
DOES SHE KNOW THAT I LIKE MOMOI-SAN!?
NO! IT'S FINE!
OKAY, SORRY. I DIDN'T MEAN TO OFFEND YOU.
BUT... YOU REALLY HAVE CHANGED, Y'KNOW.
BEFORE, YOU USED TO TELL ME THINGS EVEN WHEN I DIDN'T WANT TO HEAR THEM. YOU'VE NEVER KEPT SECRETS.

IT'S LIKE YOU'RE NOT EVEN YOU.
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WOW SHE'S REALLY MAD.
BOTH MOMOI-SAN AND I ARE DOING SOMETHING HORRIBLE TO SHIINA-SAN.
I just changed clothes next to her
BUT IF I TOLD THE TRUTH, SHE'D BE EVEN MORE MAD.

DOES SHE HATE ME NOW?
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WHAT?
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN? DID YOU HAVE A FIGHT WITH SHIINA?
LEAVE ME ALONE.
SENBONG!...
AKIRA!

I DON'T MIND TALKING HERE.
I'M NOT GOING TO THE CONFERENCE ROOM.
I WANT TO TALK WITH YOU.
I'M SO STUPID!
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DID YOU THINK ABOUT WHAT I SAID?
W-WHAT IS IT NOW?

I-I'M GOING TO HAVE GRANDPA FIX THE MACHINE.
IT'S GOT TO BE DONE.
I'M GOING TO SWITCH BACK TO MY NORMAL BODY...!
I-I DON'T HAVE TO. IT'S A DONE DEAL. I CAN'T GO OUT WITH A GUY!
PLUS, I'VE BEEN FRIENDS WITH YOU SINCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
SEN...
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AKIRA.
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SE--
WHAT AM I DOING?
I MUST RESIST.
SENBONG!
WHY...
NO...!
I DON'T NEED ANY CHANGE!
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I'M IN LOVE WITH MOMOI-SAN!
HUH?
ALL RIGHT.
SENBONGI.
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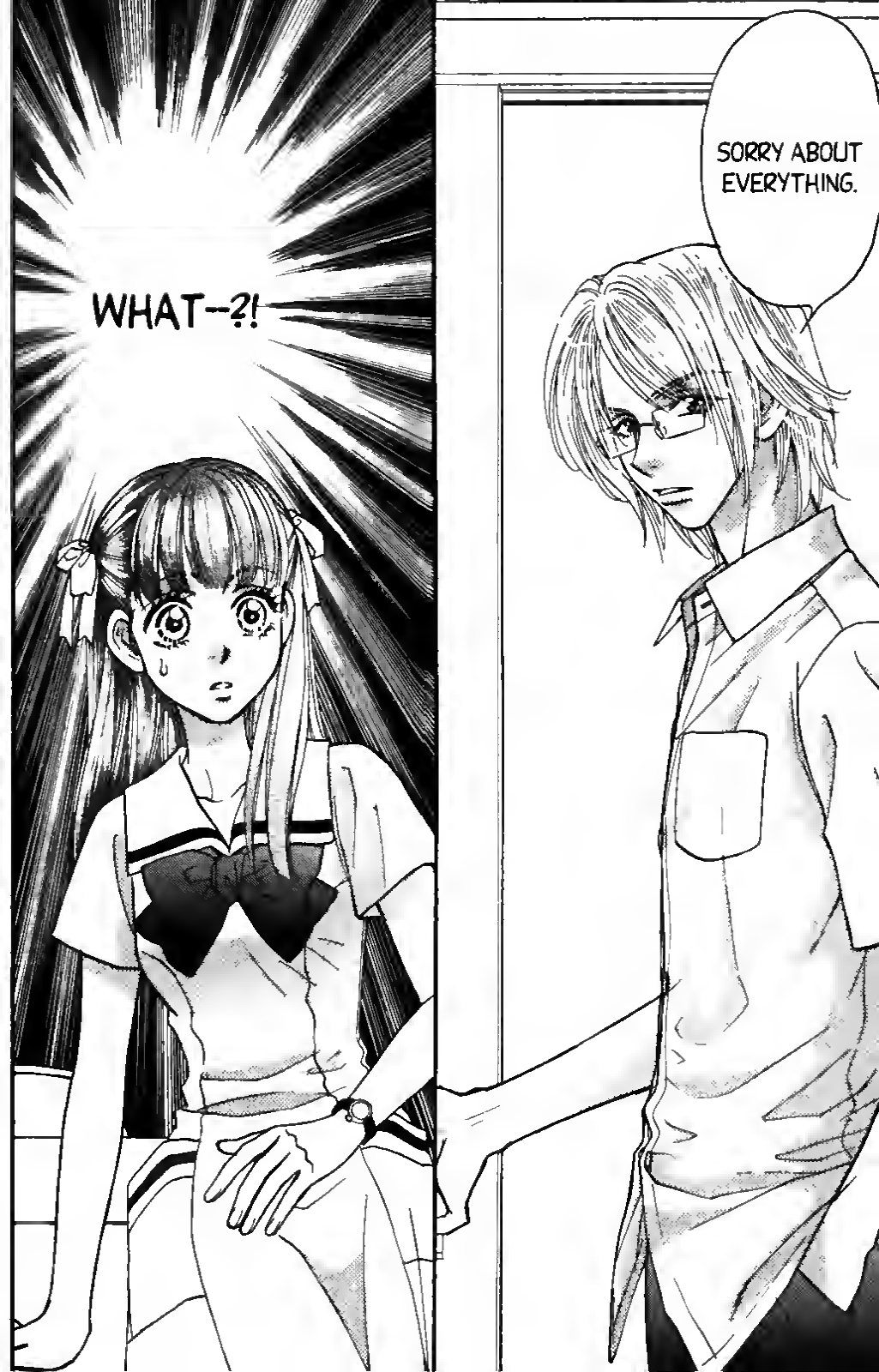
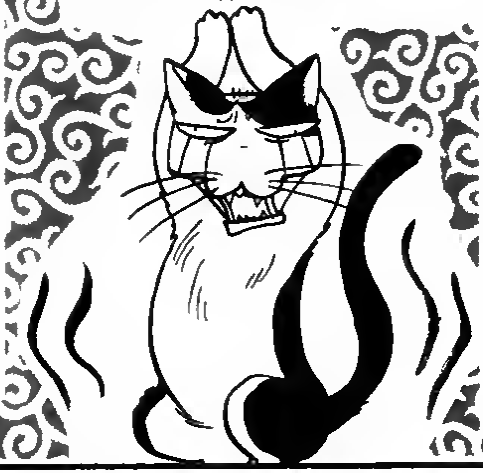

WHAT-?!
SORRY ABOUT EVERYTHING.

Dance of Happiness - New Version

THUS, VOLUME 3 CAME OUT BEFORE ANOTHER YEAR-AND-A-HALF PASSED!

Ta-da!



HELLO, YOU ALL. THIS TIME, I KEPT PUSHING THIS OLD BODY OF MINE AND WROTE MORE PAGES.

Gained 12 kg. A friend

Pretending not to look

Ehem

THOUGH, IT'S STILL BEEN A YEAR AND 3 MONTHS...

I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ELSE TO WRITE ABOUT, BUT I HAVE TO FILL SPACE, SO THIS WILL HAVE TO SUFFICE.

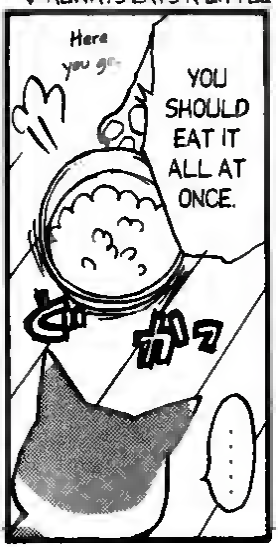
Okay, maybe an exaggeration, but not by much

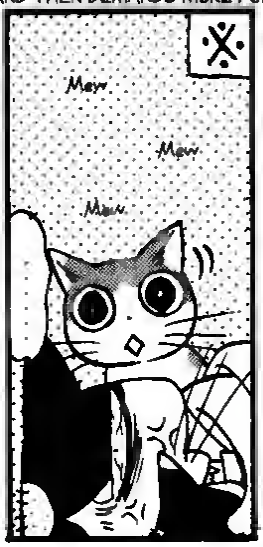
Kitty

I also gained weight again.

DURING THIS YEAR AND THREE MONTHS, I STAYED INSIDE THE **WHOLE** TIME, EXCEPT FOR WHEN I WENT TO THAILAND LAST SUMMER. THE ONLY PEOPLE I SAW WERE MY EDITOR, ASSISTANTS, AND THE MAILMAN AND CONVENIENCE STORE DELIVERY GUY.

↓ ALWAYS EATS A LITTLE AND THEN DEMANDS MORE FOR THE NEXT HOUR.





ALL-NIGHTERS ARE TOUGH WHEN YOU GET OLD.
LET ME NAP FOR A FEW HOURS.
THAT DAY, I WORKED ALL NIGHT, BUT I ALSO HAD A MEETING AT NOON.
Mew mew
SOFA CHAIR AT THE WORK SPACE.
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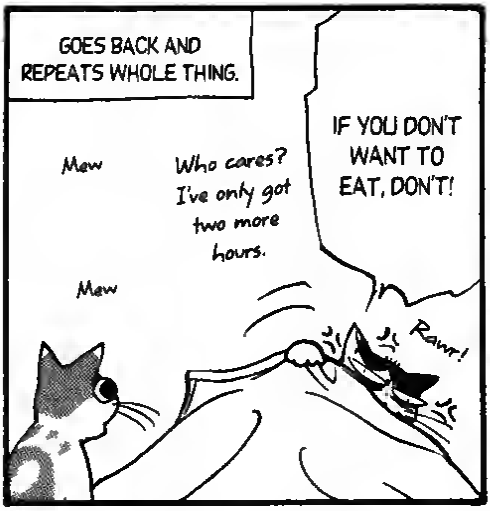
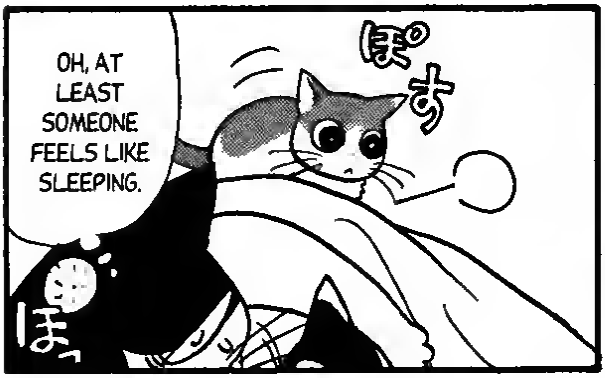
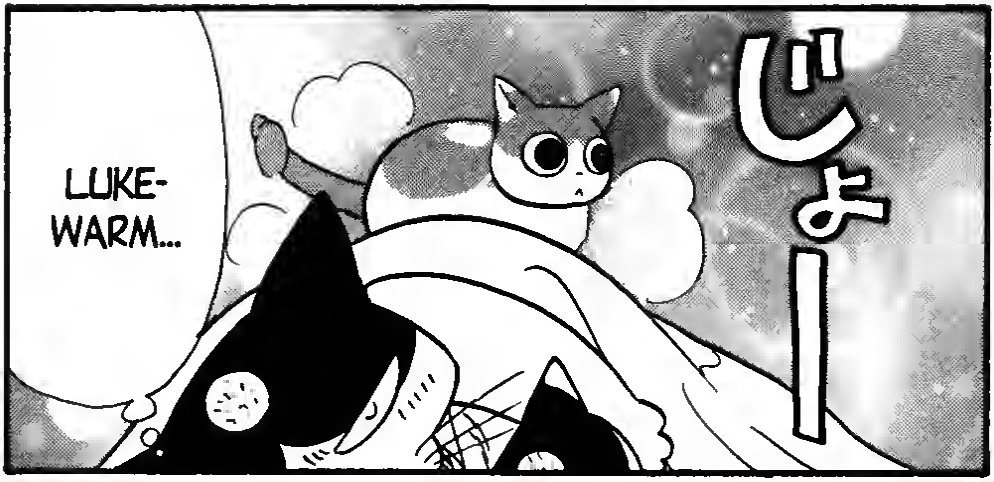
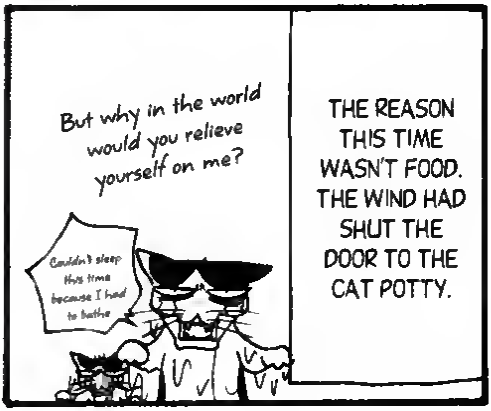
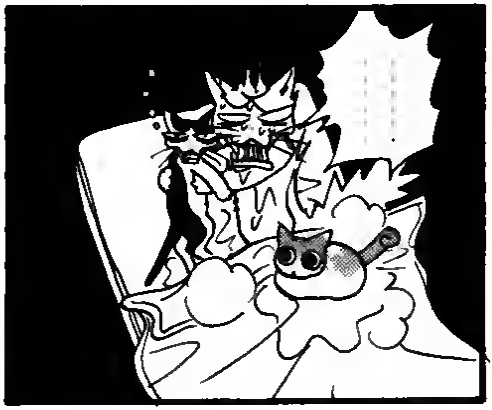
THE CAT IS FUJIO'S SISTER, AND IS A TINY BIT CUTER.

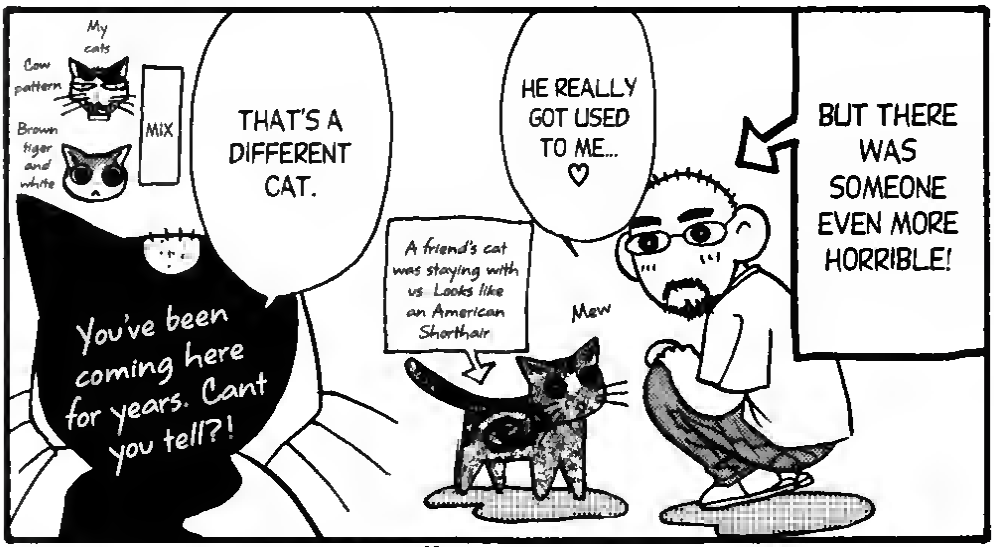




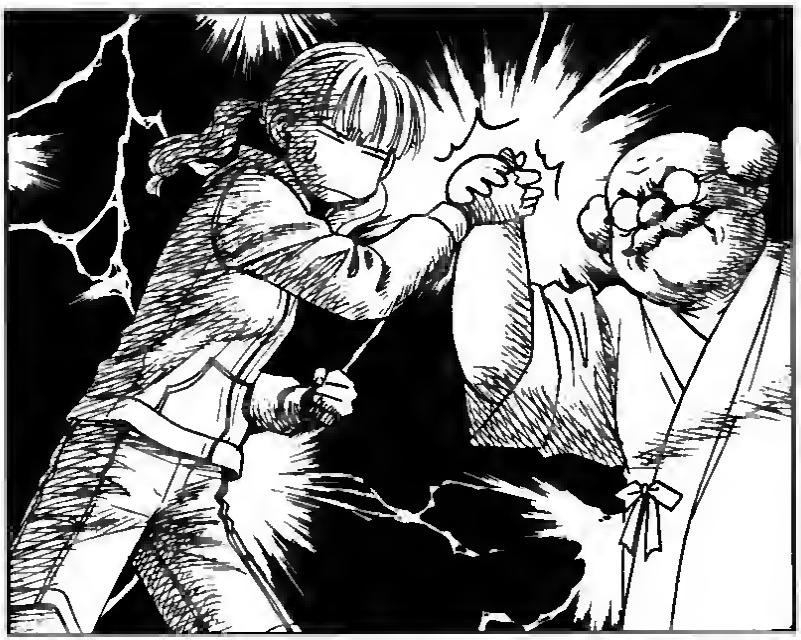



But why in the world would you relieve yourself on me?
Couldn't sleep this time because I had to bathe
THE REASON THIS TIME WASN'T FOOD. THE WIND HAD SHUT THE DOOR TO THE CAT POTTY.




My cats
Cow pattern
Brown tiger and white
MIX
THAT'S A DIFFERENT CAT.
You've been coming here for years. Cant you tell?!
HE REALLY GOT USED TO ME... ♡
A friend's cat was staying with us Looks like an American Shorthair
Mew
BUT THERE WAS SOMEONE EVEN MORE HORRIBLE!

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR! ♡



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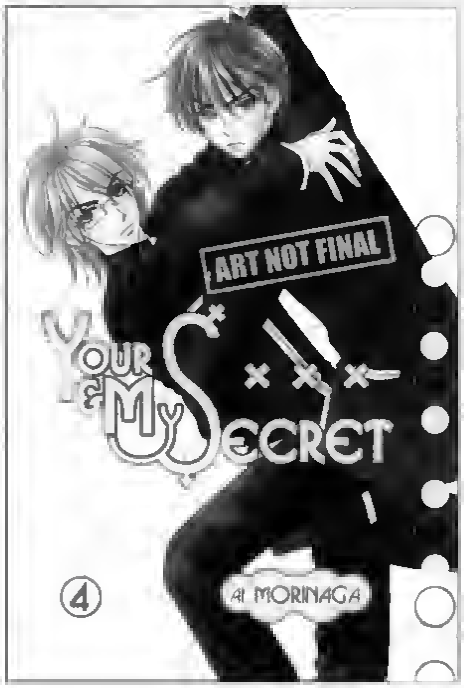

So after failing to seduce Akira in Nanako's body, has Senbongi given up? Or is this merely a shift in strategy? And will the sudden lack of attention affect Nanako? Maybe she'll miss the pervert fawning over her every second of the day? But even if she does decide to want to go out with Senbongi, Nanako in Akira's body is standing in the way. Perhaps a deal between the two could lead to happiness for all...or more hilarious hijinx? Don't miss more of the crazy fun (and Grandpa in bed with Senbongi!) in volume 4 of Your & My Secret!